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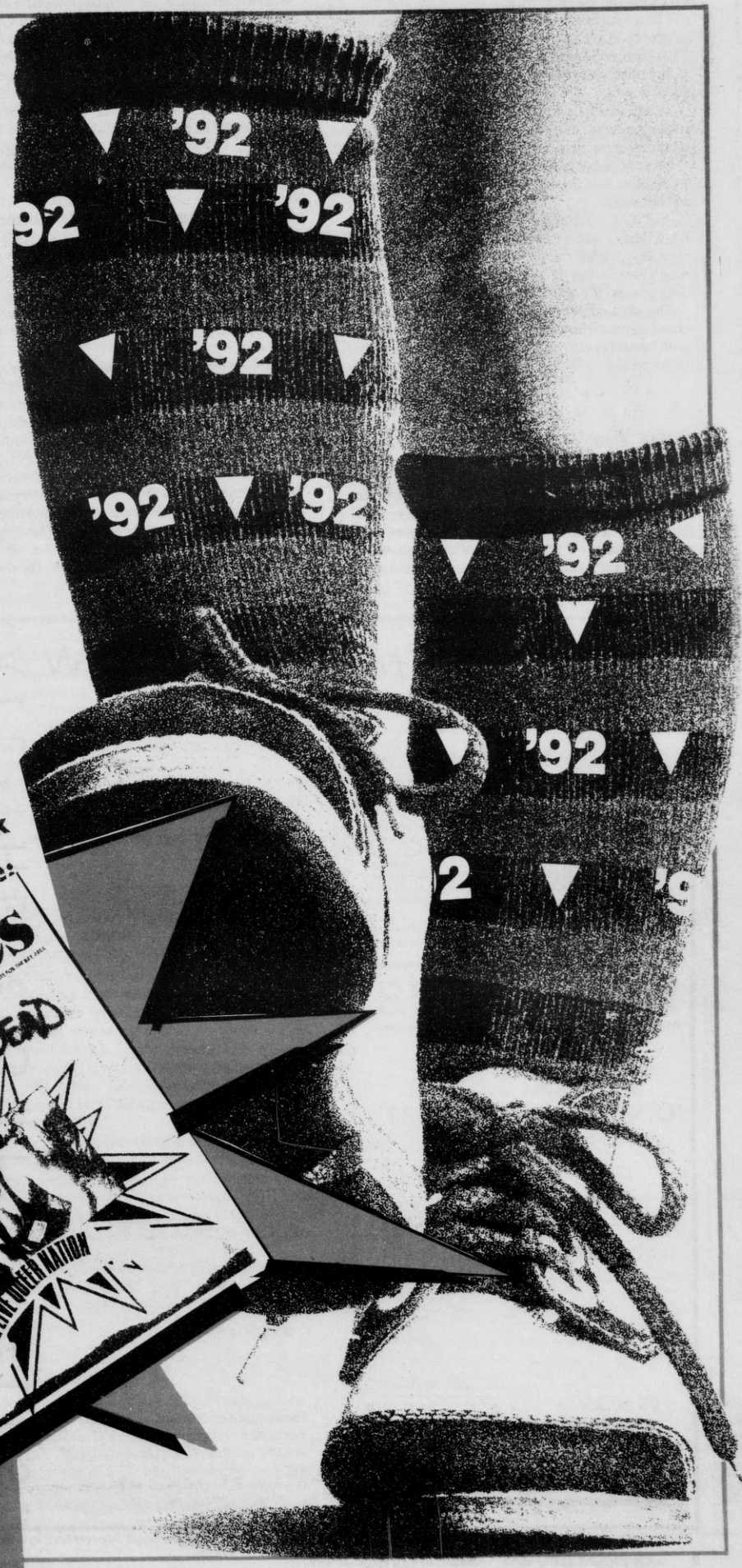

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# LETTERS

## What a City This Is Becoming

*True-Life Episode:* It's Dec. 12, a Thursday evening at around 10:30 pm. I am walking south through the harshly lit Muni tunnel at the Civic Center Station toward the 8th St. exit. Down the corridor I see a homeless man lying between a trash can and a cigarette disposal, where I have often seen homeless people, wrapped tightly in a ragged yellow blanket. The air temperature must be in the low 30s. Surrounding the confused man are three police officers, hands in pockets and using their feet to make contact with the huddled man.

I hear one of them say, "Sir, you're gonna have to get up. You can't stay here. You must move on." There are mutterings and snickers from the other two policemen while the man in the blanket is mewling incoherently.

In my head I wonder why it apparently seems more important to have a clean corner than to allow a human being who has no other place to go to keep from very possibly freezing to death. It is very easy to imagine that the too-few designated shelters are overly full.

As I pass, watching this disturbing scene, the play turns darker when I overhear one of the uniformed men say, "Well, now that Jordan is in office, we won't have to put up with this shit anymore," nodding toward the prostrate man.

The dark-skinned boy who has been walking ahead of me turns toward me then, shaking his head with beautiful sad eyes, and says, "What a city this is becoming."

Raven X. Darkholme
San Francisco

## Queer Way to Go

Is BART really homophobic or what?

Each year BART lets the lesbian and gay communities down on Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day by failing to provide adequate and safe service. Each year, I and a few thousand others wait on overcrowded platforms for too few trains with too few cars. However, when the A's play on the weekends, extra service is provided along with direct line service for the 35,000 or so fans who go to these games.

The 600,000 or more people who participate in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day celebration have not gotten this service. Why? When I called BART to complain last year, I was told by them, "We didn't know that there was an event." Well, this year they have been informed! But given BART's track record I would like some help getting a commitment from them. We need increased and direct service to make our celebration safe and easily accessible to all who wish to participate. So what can we do? Take a few minutes and call or write BART: Paul Oversier, Dept. of Operations, BART, 800 Madison Ave., Oakland 94607; (510) 464-6000, and ask them what they will be doing this year to provide adequate service. Do you think we could get them to do an ad campaign like they do for the A's games or holiday shopping? Take BART—it's a queer way to go!

John Day
Berkeley

## Good Riddance to Queer Nation

Let's not kid ourselves: The San Francisco chapter of Queer Nation, while it is officially on "hiatus" until March ("hiatus" is a favorite term used by the commercial TV networks to shelve a series while not cancelling it outright), it is indeed, for all intents and purposes, as dead as the Soviet Union—and will stay that way.

And, to be perfectly frank, I'm glad it's out of business. I attended three QN/SF meetings, and I could tell by my third meeting that this was an organization that was destined to self-destruct.

In addition to the internal squabbling outlined by the *SF Bay Times* in its Dec. 19 cover story (and also in the Dec. 12 *Bay Area Reporter*), there was another big reason why QN/SF could not last very long—a reason that, until now, had remained unspoken.

The fact is, there was a great deal of heterophobia inside QN/SF. A heterophobia the chapter's members made no attempt to hide. Its rhetoric, slogans ("What causes heterosexuality?") and social atmosphere at its meetings made it clear that even the most unabashedly pro-gay heterosexuals were not welcome.

It is one thing to denounce and be righteously indignant about society's homophobia and to take concrete action to combat it. It is something else entirely to heap the same level of scorn and abuse at heterosexuals simply *because* they are heterosexuals, that homophobes heap on homosexuals.

Branding all heterosexuals "breeders" with the same contempt as homophobes brand homosexuals "queers," "faggots" and "pansies" is every bit as hateful and lowers us to the level of our archenemies.

And let me make one point crystal clear: The word "queer" *has always been, is now, and will always be a homophobic epithet* in my vocabulary and in the vocabulary of heterosexuals—as well as gays and lesbians of my generation and older (I'm 38).

As far as I'm concerned, for gays and lesbians to call themselves and each other "queer" in public is an act of internalized homophobia, just as it is internalized Afrophobia for African Americans to call themselves and each other "nigger" in public.

And I don't give a tinker's damn what Al Kielwasser and other "Queer Nationals" say to the contrary! They're dead wrong.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again—forcefully: "Queer" is homophobic and it's time to put that word where it belongs—in the trash can, along with the other homophobic and racist epithets.

And as for QN/SF, I say: good riddance!

Dion B. Sanders
Berkeley

## A Vision for Queer Nation

In the current Queer Nation impasse, those who've disagreed with me have chosen to engage in character assassination rather than honest political discourse. They haven't attempted to answer arguments or refute ideas, but have merely attempted to marginalize my standing in the community, or even to make me a pariah.

This merely further confirms my sense that proposals restricting "offensive conduct" at QN meetings, even if well-intentioned, would result in highly subjective criteria being used to blackball or disempower individuals for political reasons, merely on the strength of someone's claim that they were offensive, and would offer no recourse to the accused. I blocked such a proposal on principle and in good faith. This was not an abuse of consensus procedure; it's what consensus procedure is all about. Those who walked out, rather than accept this, actually ended QN's general meetings in a fit of pique at having their proposal rejected. They, not I, refused to engage in good-faith political dialogue—even as I had prepared an alternative, hopefully compromise proposal.

Now, however, I'm forced to spend my time correcting outright lies and distortions. I've been accused of never participating in Queer Nation actions or focus groups; ironically, two QN actions that commanded much of my attention and energy—the Martinelli's and *Basic Instinct* protests—regarded issues or circumstances specifically affecting lesbians. And—double irony—my attempts to volunteer to help with the Queer Line were stonewalled by some of the very same people who've accused me of doing nothing constructive!

I won't be reduced to listing a complete catalogue of my participation in QN, or of those vital and creative people with whom I've worked here and elsewhere who'd attest to my good faith and character—some of whom were long ago run off from QN by the same people and tactics I've been confronted by. Nor did I ever claim to be a "movement celebrity" in New York; I've generally been a movement workhorse, and I talk about accomplishments and colleagues there and elsewhere, not about titles and notoriety. But I've always been principled enough to speak my mind and to cooperate with those willing to work in good faith with me. I've lent my energies and talents to many different constituencies and individuals over the years—when I've seen fit—and I care enough to struggle when I feel an issue must be confronted.

To be sure, my vision differs from that of some others in Queer Nation. I wish there were space to articulate that vision here, but it's a complex, highly individualistic and anti-authoritarian one that can't


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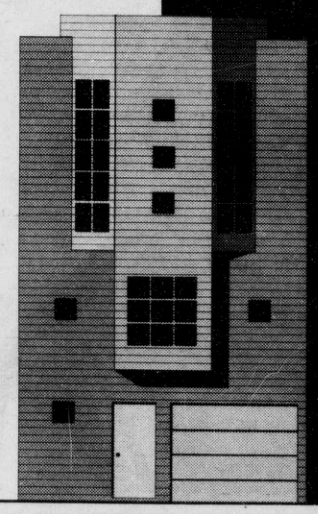

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be summed up in a catechism of ten words ending in "ism," or any orthodoxy about where our community fits into a so-called "progressive" coalition. (In fact, it was precisely such orthodoxy—*not* failure to outreach—that destroyed GLF 20 years ago. The alternative was the growth of an autonomous gay and lesbian movement and community.)

I have no malice toward women or people of color, and I refuse to be baited or smeared with the notion that my refusal to adhere to such orthodoxy *implies* that I do.

I began to realize just how far-gone things were when I saw an account of a workshop at the QN November retreat that condemned " 'My People Are Dying' privilege"! What had become of our spontaneity, our sense of humor, our panache? Where is our sense of who we are? How far would some people go merely to distance themselves from the self-interest of white gay men? What may strike some as my "lunatic outbursts" were really desperate pleas for sanity.

I've been called "a pain in the ass." I take that as a compliment.

I'll see you around. Get used to it!

Mitchell Halberstadt
Daly City

## Unjustifiable Outrage

While walking in the Castro recently, I came across a flyer advertising a benefit performance to raise money for the defense of those individuals facing charges stemming from the demonstrations against Gov. Wilson's veto of AB101. In the text at the bottom of the flyer, several points were made that I feel I must comment on.

The author(s) of the text stated that "our community reacted with justifiable outrage...." First of all, those individuals who took part in the demonstration represented only a *part* of our community; those actions in *no way* represent a universal reaction of the gay and lesbian community to Gov. Wilson's veto. I for one, via letters to the editors and an editorial, spoke out *against* the destruction of that night.

I will admit that the emotion of outrage most of us felt was justifiable; however, the means in which some of the demonstrators expressed their outrage was inexcusable. "Legislative queer-bashing" does not justify breaking windows, setting fire to offices, spray-painting walls and sidewalks, or throwing paint balloons at the California State Seal. Outrage is a volatile emotion and needs to be dealt with rationally, with thought and understanding. It takes only a small amount of outrage for someone to pull the trigger of a handgun, violate a woman's body, physically abuse a child, spouse or partner.

While it is true that "fighting for our rights is not a crime," the way in which some of the demonstrators chose to "fight" on that particular night *was* a crime. Crimes were committed and those who allegedly committed those crimes must be held accountable. They are entitled to a fair trial, and I sincerely hope they get such a trial. But the implication seems to be that these individuals should be given preferential treatment simply because they are gays and lesbians "fighting" for their rights. Is it not the concept of equal rights to be treated fairly without regard to sexual preference? If so, this same concept must be applied to the treatment of those who allegedly break the law. If it is not, then it becomes a double standard. Our sexuality is not a coat; something to put on when we are cold and taken off when we are warm. We are always lesbian or gay and we must accept all the good and all the bad that goes along with our lifestyle.

If the 12 individuals who are facing charges cannot afford legal representation, they will be assigned a public defender. I would much rather see lesbians and gays organizing a fundraising event for AIDS, for the homeless, for the hungry. I am not advocating the ceasing of our efforts in fighting for our rights. I am merely suggesting—strongly so—that we not use violence. This kind of expressed outrage will serve only to further widen the trench that has been dug between the world of the homosexual and the heterosexual. Not to mention the widening gap between the homosexual and the homosexual.

Edisol W. Dotson
San Francisco

## All in This Together

We are all growing up with everyone else right here in the United States. That means everyone. David Duke and his supporters, ACT UP, Native Americans, Nation of Islam, KKK, junkies, all the homeless, etc. You will find lesbians and gays in every one of the above, plus lots more I didn't name. There's no getting around it, we're all part of it and all in this together.

Racism, sexism and homophobia are not just in the heterosexual community. They are with all of us every day. Sometimes blatant, sometimes insidious. As a (lesbian) woman of color I have found this to be true. Anyone's denial of this doesn't mean that it's not true for me. It's there. It's a fact. It's not something I need to get over. Underrepresentation of the concerns of women and minorities in our community is part of the sexism and racism that we all live with.

Dykes, ask your friends, male and female, how much support they have given this year, in any way, to an organization whose primary focus was not directed toward AIDS. For example, Women's Cancer Resource Center, CUAV, Larkin Street Youth Center, La Casa de las Madres, to name just a few. Are AIDS supportive businesses willing to donate some of their services to any other (women/minorities) organizations? Are (more) AIDS organizations willing to share in a co-benefit? Donating even 15 percent of funds raised would probably be a lot more than some of the (women/minorities) organizations could individually raise on their own.

I can already hear people saying, AIDS is life-threatening and demands immediate attention. I agree, it is and it does. I am not suggesting to stop working for a cure or caring for people with AIDS. People with AIDS have experienced indifference and intolerance from our government, their employers, and their families. If you are a woman and/or a minority you have shared in this experience. Anyone reading this who is neither, believe it. If you don't, ask a woman/minority in our community. Supporting people with AIDS does not have to be exclusive. Sharing time and money for other worthwhile causes will not be to the detriment of anyone. I repeat again, we're all part of it and all in this together.

Sandra Peterson
San Francisco

## To Mayor-elect Jordan— Keep Your Needle Exchange Promise

We of ACT UP/San Francisco are writing to challenge you to live up to your campaign promise to sanction and fund a needle exchange in San Francisco.

For every day that San Francisco exists without a sanctioned, legal and funded needle exchange, at least one injection drug user becomes infected with HIV for lack of access to a legal syringe exchange.

Since 1988, ACT UP/San Francisco has taken a visible leadership role in addressing the need for a sanctioned and funded needle exchange program to help stem the tide of new HIV infections within the injection drug using communities. Since the summer of 1991, these actions have been endorsed by and have been in collaboration with ACT UP/Golden Gate.

In the absence of a sanctioned needle exchange program in San Francisco, Prevention Point has been operating as an illegal and volunteer organization since November 1988.

One of your explicit campaign promises was to implement a legal and funded needle exchange program in San Francisco. We of ACT UP/San Francisco are writing to invite you to a meeting that we will arrange with researchers, advocates and leaders of the community who have been working to sanction and fund needle exchange in the City.

ACT UP/San Francisco has grave concerns regarding the way in which needle exchange is both sanctioned and funded. Any decision which jeopardizes the lives of people at risk for HIV infection or those living with HIV infection is a decision we can not support. We strongly urge you to listen to those who have been pursuing a legal and respectful solution to the paraphernalia laws which make such needle exchange activities illegal. We would also encourage you to review the recently released San Francisco Department of Public Health's *"Comprehensive Plan to Reduce the Spread of HIV Infection Among Injection Drug Users (IDUs) in the City and County of San Francisco."*

We need to hear from you within the next two weeks so that we can discuss a time and date that will work for all parties.

The issue of a sanctioned, funded and legal needle exchange is critical to San Francisco.

ACT UP/San Francisco

## Sacred River Should Apologize

As a die-hard peace/feminist activist for 23 years, I was dumbfounded by the version *Sacred River* gave of the cancellation of the Nov. 16 benefit.

I spent two-and-a-half months organizing this event (with hardly any help from *Sacred River*) on my own money (which I lost in the process). I was responsible for every step of it, and it was heartbreaking to have to cancel it.

The reason for the cancellation was that Vicki Noble, who was to take on the entire second half of the show, withdrew just a few hours before the event. I knew, from various calls I had received during the preceding week, that many people planned to come only for her part in the benefit. It did seem unethical to proceed with only half the event.

Due to the short notice, I and the two women helping me agreed that I should cancel the event. I could not reach the two other performers that afternoon. As for the *Sacred River* "staff members," Penny Leff and Becky Taber were in Hawaii at the time of the benefit, Kathryn Woods was sick in bed, and Carla Kandinsky could not be reached.

*Sacred River* should apologize indeed—to *me!*

Viviane Lerner
San Francisco

## Lesbian/Transsexual

*An open letter to the gay female community:*

As a transsexual female I do not expect all of you to accept me as another woman. Fortunately, I am blessed with a number of lesbian/dyke friends who are able to accept me as a sister. My purpose is not to establish a consensus about what I am, nor is it to stir up a debate about just how "real" of a woman I am. People are going to accept or reject me on the basis of how closed their minds are, and of how much hurt or hatred they have inside. I have no choice but to accept who I am and how others react to me.

I write this letter not for myself, but for the lesbian I am dating. I have told her several times that being seen with me will make her despised by some elements of the gay female community. Though we currently have nothing more than a passionate friendship, I know that some of you will ostracize her. You will call her "bisexual" (which is not bad, although inaccurate in this case) and you will say even more hurtful and judgmental things about her.

I am so grateful that this wonderful woman is able to look past my chromosomes and sense the female energy that has driven me to become a woman. I am quite flattered that she likes me enough to take the risk of being seen with me in public. I believe her to be a shining example in the lesbian community: open-minded enough to look past old ideas and fears, courageous enough to stand by her convictions rather than do the safe thing by going along with the pack.

It confuses and saddens me that some members of an oppressed group such as gay women need to find an even smaller minority to oppress, or who harbor such fear and resentment toward men that they feel compelled to attack a former male. Prejudice and oppression do not justify more of the same. I would hope that women who don't understand the forces that drive people like me to change our sex would at least not completely invalidate us and those who do accept us. You don't have to date me or become my lover to accept me as another female, of which there are so many kinds. You can just accept me on whatever level you can, and try not to take so much for granted.

And, more importantly, you can accept that my girlfriend is dating a transsexual lesbian and not call her names or chill her out.

Or at least you can mind your own business.

Christine Beatty
San Francisco

## Demeaning Real Victims of Sexual Coercion

According to the San Francisco Police Department, the North American Man/Boy Love Association, meeting for its general membership conference last month at the Women's Building, distributed a flyer detailing where men could find boys for sex in San Francisco. A *Chronicle* article by reporter Jack Vietz quotes Captain Diarmuid Philpott as saying NAMBLA has "been distributing literature telling 'where and how' to meet young boys at video stores and arcades."

Yet the police never released copies of this supposed literature. No wonder they didn't. The leaflet to which Philpott refers was tourist information prepared by conference organizers for out-of-town attendees—information culled largely from brochures from the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau.

That the police should portray official city tourist information as a secret guide to the pedophile underground reveals the deceptions to which they

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# A Vision for the Future

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**Eric Rofes**
**Executive Director, Shanti Project**

I see for the coming year powerful and exciting organizing opportunities, the planning and preparation for the 1993 March on Washington, a movement that is more dynamic and eclectic, a South of Market neighborhood that is more diverse and inclusive for leather men and women. My hopes are the election of a new president, one who supports human rights and expanded social programs, the birth of more babies in San Francisco born to lesbians and gay men together, and AB101 on the ballot and winning 52 to 48 percent. I am hoping for an end to the political infighting and cannibalism, and I fear a continuation of placing too much emphasis on electoral politics and not enough on community-building. I predict the CDC will give us an April Fools' present—an expanded definition of AIDS without the resources to care for the greatly expanded number of cases. And I predict more valuable organizing efforts failing because of the persistence of racism and sexism, and the inability to get beyond the blame/guilt dynamic.

**Pat Norman**
**Chair, Black Coalition on AIDS**

The first thing I would hope we can do this year is to recognize the racism and sexism in our community and as a community pick up the banner of all human beings, not just gay, gay, gay. Most people in the community have other experiences and issues besides being gay, and we need to take this message to community people who experience the least oppression: gay white men. We are not going to be able to move forward as an oppressed group until we deal with the oppression that goes on inside our community.

The most important thing we can do is really listen to each other. If the only thing that makes us a community is who we sleep with, I say, "'Bye." Let's hope we can look beyond that and see the potential for our movement. It's not easy; it's a process. But we need to make that commitment.

**Jerome**
**Artist, write-in-candidate for anything**

Are you sure you're supposed to be talking to me? I think we need some new fashion ideas. Less clothes. That's what I'd like to see for the new year—is less clothes—wearing less clothes. You can't have too many clothes in your closet.

**Chris Bowman**
**President, Log Cabin Club**

I don't want to see a return to the cold war, or to see, with everything happening in Eastern Europe, nuclear arms being used by different ethnic groups against each other. My greatest hope is that we can take the money that we were channelling into arms and put it into our social programs.

**Ken Jones**
**Executive Director, Stop AIDS Project**

We need to proceed very carefully with the Jones/Brown assembly race so we don't pit the gay community against the Black community. Another concern I have is about the AB101 initiative. We can't let it not pass. We have to collect the signatures. We've got to work. That's the theme for next year: a lot of hard work. We have an excellent chance in November with the Board of Supervisors election to continue to empower the community and build bridges to others.

**Matt Coles**
**ACLU Gay and Lesbian Rights Project**

We'll begin the process for getting a gay and lesbian civil rights bill again, but it's impossible to tell whether this will be the first year of a long process or by some chance it will go right through this time. We'll see a lot more pressure on private companies to recognize domestic partnerships and alternative families. Grim things that might happen: the son of a bitch could veto again. The state Supreme Court could reverse some decisions that protected lesbians and gay men from employment discrimination.

Among my wildest hopes are that we get a Democratic president who will start putting some people with basic respect for human rights on the Supreme Court; Pete will admit he was wrong last year and urge the legislature to quickly pass AB-101, which he will sign with pride; Mayor Jordan will institute a sweeping needle exchange plan.

One more hope: There's a little case in Kansas called *Jantz v. Muci*, which has to do with a teacher who apparently is not gay but claims he was denied a teaching job because they thought he was gay. This is one of those cases where the court could just bash gay people again, but it would be really nice to see them say, "Of course, you can't deny someone a job teaching just because he's gay."

**Lani Kaahumanu**
**Writer, bisexual activist**

I would like to see a breaking down of the divisions and the either/or thinking in the community. With things getting more and more oppressive, it's important that we look at this either/or thought and work to become more inclusive. We need to look at the oppression of gay, lesbian and bisexual people from straight society instead of individual differences within our community. We really need to rebuild as a community.

**Tom Ammiano**
**Member of the School Board**

I can only make a wish list: Let's hope that we figure out what happened to us this year. It's always healthy to have internal criticism, but this year it went to such an extreme it really shattered us, and we haven't picked ourselves up yet.

We have to be very careful about the direction the new mayor is taking; you know what you get when you cross Frank Jordan with Dianne Feinstein: Frankenstein. I'm hoping, too, that we can look for more funding for our youth. We need to remember to include them in the decision-making process.

The coalition between ACT UP and women with breast cancer last year was significant, because it proves we can learn from each other, and hopefully that coalition-building will continue in 1992.

**Jesse Dobson**
**ACT UP/Golden Gate**

I hope this year immune treatments being developed in Europe become available here, and work. We should finally have our answer on passive immunotherapy, and hopefully it will be a positive one. I hope for more studies of immune-based therapies, and I fear that the new anti-virals will not work. I'm also worried that AIDS and health care funding will be cut to the point where it goes beyond crisis. I'm afraid massive discrimination against people with AIDS will become a reality, worse than it is now, particularly in housing and employment, and that it will be looked at as OK.

I want to also say that I hope I see 1993 and still be healthy.

**Mike Shriver**
**Executive Director, 18th Street Services**

I want to see the recognition of a need for services directed at gay and lesbian adolescents, and for the community to take responsibility for youth issues and really listen to young people and what they say their needs are. It is especially important that we have full funding of the gay, lesbian, bisexual youth center under Mayor Jordan.

**Kris Kovick**
**Artist, activist**

I will avoid women who lick their lips before they kiss. What we did to hairstyles in the eighties, we're going to do to gender in the nineties. Gender politics are really going to heat up. *Roe v. Wade* will be gutted, and the next thing to go will be the civil rights bills that gave minorities and women an equal chance at the loot. When things heat up between men and women, I hope gays and lesbians remain allied. If we are divided, it will mean that we were divided by the right wing. As queers, if we speak with our full hearts and minds, and really rage, we can wake up this whole country.

**Cleve Jones**
**NAMES Project founder**

My greatest hope is, of course, that they will come up with an effective treatment for HIV. My

worst fear is that George Bush will be re-elected. For the community, we need to see a willingness to work together. If we want to be proud of our movement, we need to set aside our differences and personal conflicts. Right now the gay community is more divided than it has been in a long time. One year after the lavender sweep, things have fallen apart. We desperately need unity. It's not fair to credit individual activists or leaders. When we work together we win big. It comes from ordinary, everyday people who are willing to do the work because they have a stake in it. 1992 is a different year. We're going to have to be very strong and focused because we have an enormous amount to lose.

**Martin Delaney**
**Executive Director, Project Inform**

I would like to see an end to the divisiveness which affected AIDS activism last year. I would like to see clear sailing for the FDA's accelerated drug approval plan, and a successful outcome from the first human stem cell clinical study. The warnings for '92: The downturn in AIDS research funding should not be tolerated—the public does not even know it's happening. On the issue of divisiveness, if people want to wear the hat of AIDS activism, they should look in their hearts and make sure their motives are clear.

**Jill Tregor**
**Community United Against Violence**

Everybody should move out of town and start over—take over some small town. That was my first reaction to all the election stuff. It was a mix: one part feeling responsible and needing to stay, and another part going somewhere where people are a little kinder. I see a year of a lot of rebuilding, renegotiating, making connections between people in our own community. Right now, there is more anger than trust. We all have a lot of work to do to rebuild trust. One challenge will be how we build a credible oversight of the police, a civilian oversight board. We must come together and rebuild the OCC so that it works for us.

I'd like to spend time in '92 trying to work with other lesbian, gay men and bisexuals in articulating what peaceful resistance could look like for our community. At CUAV, we have a certain agency-wide responsibility to articulate what is nonviolence. Martin Luther King defined that at one point in history for one group of people, and it's time for us to define as lebians, gay men and bisexuals what nonviolence is now.

**Rebecca Gordon and Jan Adams**
**Editors of *Lesbian/Contradiction, A Journal of Irreverent Feminism***

In a time of deepening economic depression and rising right-wing mean-spiritedness, we're dreaming of finding both the courage and the creativity to build something more than resistance—a real unity based on honesty, democracy, and an affirmation of our real differences and diversity. This means getting organized, finding ways to come at the enemy from directions they don't expect, and building alliances with people in other countries. We have to make the progressive agenda—education, decent income for everyone, a place to live, health care—the lesbian and gay agenda, because those are the things we need as lesbians and gays.

**Ming-Yeung Lu**
**Member of Gay Asian Pacific Alliance**

It's important to learn how to listen more to each other, to support each other's work in a more positive way. We need constructive criticism and to hold people accountable, but also to leave space for people to change. I also think our leaders should look more into the ethics of how we conduct our politics. I'm thinking maybe of creating some ground rules and a basic understanding of how we treat each other.

I'd like to see more resources going into gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth, as well as seeing that the community is made up of a lot of autonomous communities that are integrating sexuality into race and gender, and that that's where the resources need to be channeled. I'm thinking of groups like Asian Pacific Sisters, *ACHE*, GAPA, and Mujerios. It's important to work on attitudinal changes in terms of race and gender, but also changes in the structure, such as where resources are distributed. That's where things really count.

**Mariah Hanson**
**Nightclub Promoter**

I hope Frank Jordan ends up pleasantly surprising us all. I hope we can elect a Democrat to the White House. It would be nice to see the community become more unified. That would happen if we opened up our communication lines and were a little bit more tolerant with the varied opinions we all have. An end result we're all working for, of course, is a cure for AIDS in '92. My personal goal is to keep on throwing great parties and remain supportive of gay causes. Every little bit helps.

**Del Martin, Phyllis Lyon**
**Authors of *Lesbian/Woman***

We can see articulate, committed lesbian and bisexual women leaders emerging among our youth, from so-called leaderless groups, among lesbians and bisexual women of color, from caucuses within professional and religious institutions, among the old who have recently come out, within political parties, among the disabled, in cities and rural areas across the nation. We are delighted to see it happening and expect it to continue.

**Roma Guy**
**San Francisco Women's Building**

I hope we can find a way to build and support existing and new leadership in our community that is broad-based and diverse, both politically and culturally, that takes into account the stakes of the whole community, not just a narrow self-interest. Food and shelter are lesbian and gay issues. We need the leadership to fight for everyone to have health care, as hard as we fought for domestic partners. I want us to fight for services for people with AIDS, with cancer, for kids to get measles vaccines. All the backbiting in the mayor's race was not in our interest, no matter which side you took, and I hope we can move beyond that. I hope we pay off the Women's Building. I hope we find a cure for AIDS. I wish we had a magic pill so we could change our leaders, so that we didn't target welfare mothers and immigrants as the major obstacles to well-being in California, but that we could find ways to bring revenue to the city, so we could serve people. We've just been through a hard year. I hope we can take perspectives on the lessons we've learned and go ahead in 1992. The lesson of '89-'90-'91 is that no leader in these times can take us for granted.

**Julie Dorf**
**Executive Director, International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission**

1991 was an amazing year in the United States for increasing consciousness that we're part of a global movement. Homophobia and HIV know no boundaries—we're not isolated in the U.S. My greatest hope for '92 is that that consciousness of our globalness will spiral out of control and continue to increase in individuals, organizations and in the movement in general, in terms of where the movement is going. Personally, I hope that as organizers, we can stay nourished and continue in the struggle with the same energy. I hope that we get out of this depression, so more money can flow into non-profits. It's frustrating that money is so unjustly distributed, and with the need so great to continue such vital work, it gets even more scary for survival.

**Sara Levi Calderon**
**Author, *Two Mujeres***

I shall toast with my last drops of wine tonight for women, that we should stand stronger and healthier in order to build bridges of understanding between people. I wish us all a better world.

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# THE WRITE STUFF

BY DAVE FORD

## Why D'Ya Do It?

"All you do is write about stuff *other* people have already written," a "friend" new to my work sniffed recently, sounding like he'd discovered a puddle of puppy upchuck in his pasta.

After disposing of his body, I thought, Wait: He might be right. I suddenly appeared here nine months ago, without much explanation (save a ferociously bad introductory column), and started sniping at press accounts of AIDS- and gay-related issues. Is it clear why I do this?

Perhaps not. Hence today's lesson in media criticism. Pay attention: You'll be quizzed at the end of the column.

### NEVER MET A TEXT I DIDN'T LIKE

The mass media permeate our lives. (Yes, "permeate." "Medium" is singular; "media," plural.) Ads assault us from buses, billboards and television; TV assaults us from...well, from TV; newspapers swirl around us like ink-stained origami. Few of us escape the onslaught. A generation weaned on TV watched shows and ads that dangled an *uber*-life carrot ("*I* wanna wear *my* hair *just like* Marsha Brady's!"), but that, with rare exception, revealed nothing of gay/lesbian interest. Indeed, cartoonish stereotypes prevailed. The shows pushed heterosexual agendas—*hard*.

So it is with the mainstream print press. Despite monumental shifts sparked by AIDS, outing and the rise of gay/lesbian activism, print reporting on gay/lesbian concerns remains woefully bereft of context or connection.

Which is where I, and people like me, come in.

Beginning journalism-school courses teach that the press covets "objective" stories: the "Five W's and an H"—who, what, where, why, when and how—supposedly provide a guide for bias-free reporting. But "objectivity" is a lie: The inclusion (or exclusion) of certain facts, and their placement in a story, create a subjective context. "Journalistic truth" is really a complex set of editorial decisions. Since editors are people, human feelings and agendas inevitably permeate news reporting.

It's essential, therefore, that we "read" the media for hidden agendas, misrepresentations and outright lies. That's the media critic's mandate. My job is specialized: I dissect mainstream coverage of gay/lesbian issues to ferret out heterosexist—or, conversely, humanistic—slants.

### FACT FISHING IN AMERICA

Here's how.

When a big story breaks—say, Magic Johnson's HIV announcement—I scan the day's (or week's) *LA Times*, *New York Times*, *SF Chronicle* and *SF Examiner* (I don't read the *Washington Post* only because it arrives here days late). The nationals set the tone for local reporting nationwide, and the *Chron*, at least, runs butchered versions of *LA Times* and *NY Times* stories anyway; might as well go to the source. (I always check the locals, like the San Jose *Mercury-News* and the Oakland *Tribune*, when news explodes in town—e.g., the AB101 riots.)

(I don't cover TV news because it's not portable. Arguably, as a print media-watcher, I'm critiquing a dying communications system *in* a dying communications system—a newspaper—for a shrinking readership gnawed by encroaching national illiteracy. But I bought my seat on the Titanic, dammit, and I'll go down with it.)

Next, I play media *Concentration*: I try to remember who wrote what, and where. I check for fact placement, quote accuracy, and "slant" (a story's inherent bias). I then play my own subjective editorial game; space limitations force me to choose what I think are the most important and/or relevant pieces. That done, I procrastinate for five days, then write a column item.

*Write Stuff Quiz*

### MORE SHALL BE REVEALED

Let's look at some examples.

President Bush recently met with his National Commission on AIDS, a suspect move given his past refusal to confront the disease or to hear the Commission's policy recommendations. Why now?

*LA Times* reporter Marlene Cimmons nailed it Dec. 10: "Bush... has been making a visible effort in recent weeks to shore up his domestic agenda—where he is perceived to be politically vulnerable." Cimmons thus tells us early in the story—in news writing, important facts appear first, less important ones later, so an editor can cut the story from the bottom— that Bush's move was politically motivated.

Conversely, *Time*'s Dec. 23 report on the SF Mayor's race includes this snipe: "Increasingly militant posturing by activist gays—a key group of Agnos supporters—sent more conventional voters scurrying to Jordan's camp." While the short piece also cites quake-damaged freeways, a "sputtering economy" and financially gutted social programs as contributing to Agnos' downfall, the simplistic "activist gays" crack feeds into reader stereotypes.

Speaking of journalists who marginalize gay activists, Rob Morse wrote in his Dec. 11 *Examiner* column about an anti-Frank Jordan election-day demo, by what Morse called "a purported radical gay group," at the then-mayoral candidate's Pipe Fitter's Union HQ: "I looked forward to the encounter, and placing bets on Jordan's pipe-fitters, but the demonstration failed to materialize." This apparently means that Morse eagerly anticipated watching "Jordan's pipe-fitters" smash queer heads. So the tendentious daily columnist, who reaches 150,000 mostly non-gay readers, is now advocating literal gay bashing. My job? To call Morse on his agenda. So I phoned him repeatedly. His response? He never answered my calls. be you'll be luckier: call him at 777-7831.)

Speaking of columnists whose demented ramblings reach hundreds of thousands or, in this case, millions of readers daily, $500,000-a-year *New York Daily News* (and *Chron*-syndicated) gossipist Liz Smith is a constant *Write Stuff* target not because Michelangelo Signorile hates her, and not *just* because her writing is deliciously awful. It's because she's an old-world closet-case terrified of gay/lesbian activism, and an apologist for her closeted showbiz cronies.

For instance, Smith wrote Dec. 6 that "some of the radical gays and members of the press" fomenting (untrue) rumors Madonna is HIV-positive seemed to "want her to be ill. I think of these people as AIDS terrorists." Then Smith decried "the old double standard. If Madonna *were* ill, you can be sure she...would be denounced as a 'slut' who has slept around with too many men and is 'getting what she deserves.'"

Does the second statement sound familiar? It's the *exact same thing* openly gay tennis star Martina Navratilova had told the *New York Post*, with regards to the Magic Johnson flap, a week or two earlier. Ever gracious, Smith did not credit Navratilova; then again, the gossip columnist would, if she could, pair Martina in her column with, say, Jimmy Connors.

### JOURNALISTS GIVE BETTER HED

Headlines (in the vernacular, "heds") exist to convey the gist of a story; often, however, they're the playthings of bored copyeditors. They can be ouchsomely punny ("Boulder Sized Dues at Pebble," on a recent *SF Ex* piece on Pebble Beach golf fees), and very occasionally show flashes of true genius: the hed on a recent *SF Ex* review of a Metallica show, during which wasted fans ripped up the baseball stadium infield, read, "Getting Drunk and Kicking Grass."

A Sunday *Ex/Chron* "Punch" section copyeditor gleefully mauls the "Dear Beth" teen-advice column: "My Brother's Is Dinky; Mine is Much Larger"; "I Dressed Like a Girl—And Met a Guy"; "That Cute Young Girl in the Photos Was My Son"; "She Puts Him in Panties, a Slip and a Dress"; "It Does Expand to Five or Six Inches"; and "I Get Turned on in The Boys' Locker Room."

The queen of obscure heds is the *New York Times*. There are poetic, rhythmically rhyming heds ("In Paris Couture, Winds of Change Stir"). There are curiously conversational ones ("She Had Abandoned Her Baby in a Restroom. Now She Will Say Why"). There are questions: "Egan for Mayor. Ah, But Which One?"; "Are Pit Bulls All Bad? And Romance Writers?" There are answers: "Do Referees Ignore the Boos? Well, They Whistle While They Work."

There are heds syntactically and/or contextually bizarre: "Click: Up, Down and Out at Kodak"; "The Fire for Wood As Fuel Is Cooling"; "Uncertain Lies the Land of the Farmer As Winds of Change Hit Zimbabwe"; and a personal fave: "Off a List, Into a Lean-To: A Hammer Beckons."

And there are simple classics: "Hailing Thomas Jefferson, Statesman and Tchotchke."

### BARBARA'S PUSH

Happily, my job is not all pain and misery; good things are happening in the media for gays and lesbians.

U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch recently—incredibly—upheld the Navy's ban on gays, he said, to keep the armed forces safe from AIDS. During the trial, Gasch called gays "homos." A subsequent *Miami Herald* editorial raged, "Imagine the uproar if the judge in a civil rights case called a black the N-word." It excoriated the judge's "bogus logic," and concluded that "to condone such a policy consigns an estimated 10 percent of Americans to a second-class status."

*Newsweek*'s mostly on-target Dec. 9 "Safe Sex" cover—despite the exclusionary "What You and Your Children Should Know" subhead—used gays as role models for straights.

"The one group that has unquestionably changed its behavior is middle-class homosexual men," wrote reporter Jerry Adler. While he gives a nod to abstinence as a safe-sex option, Adler adds, "What will work is a change...in the perceived social norm. Gays accomplished it."

And responding to reporter Tom Jarriel's crack Nov. 29 *20/20* piece on the southern Cracker Barrel restaurant chain—which released an internal memo stating that all employess must "demonstrate normal heterosexual values"—co-anchor Barbara Walters sniffed, "I... think I might be able to find another restaurant to go to if I were in that area."

### FINALLY, THIS

So now you know how it's done. To paraphrase a paraphrase: If you don't like the news criticism, go out and critique some news of your own.

Oh—the quiz, as promised: why is p. 78 of the January 1992 *Us* of paramount importance to *Write Stuff* regulars?

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# CROSSTALK

BY BO HUSTON

## A Very Brady Christmas

1992 This last decade of the 20th century is beginning to display a character, a tone; its historical context is taking shape. The ideas of culture, war, poverty, freedom, sex and choice and family and health all are challenged and changed; and what the next century will bring is utterly inconceivable.

So, instead of exploring this philosophical, socially important stuff—did anyone see the special on Christmas Eve called *A Very Brady Christmas*? Channel 44. This was a two-hour reunion story, updating us on where the Bunch has been, what they've been doing, what they look like.

That splendid house has been remodeled—all pastels and a Southwest-type motif. The story opens with Alice returning to the Brady house because things with Sam the Butcher, her old beard, didn't work out. Father Mike and Mother Carol Brady assure Alice that she can stay with them as long as she likes, and that she is *not* their maid anymore; rather, she is a guest. Alice, though, cannot help but don her apron and scrub the kitchen counters. It's in her blood. "You're sitting at the table with us," Carol insists. "First I serve; then I sit," replies Alice.

The Brady parents' big plan is to get all their kids back together for Christmas, so they make phone calls to each one inviting them home. Greg is a doctor now, married to a doctor, with a kid. Marsha is married to an extremely unattractive toy salesman, and they've got two kids, who just drive Marsha crazy! Jan is married to a clunky birdbrain; they are childless. Peter works at a corporate job and is in love with his boss. Cindy is in college, and her dorm room is cluttered with stuffed animals and pennants. Bobby is into race car driving.

What immediately strikes the viewer is what wretched actors these people are. They were better as children, because they were cute and natural and their roles were fairly simplistic—now cry, now laugh, now scream. As adults, they're really just like anyone you might see at a mall. They don't even look alike anymore. Indeed, the best performance comes from baby Cindy—who is, for this special presentation, played by a different actress. (Where was Susan Olsen—"the youngest one, in curls?" Summer stock, probably.) Also, there was no laugh track provided for this special, which gave it a very eerie, lonely quality—I was disoriented, I didn't know how to respond.

Each kid has a "problem." Greg's doctor-wife wants to see her own family for Christmas. Marsha's husband has lost his job. Jan is fighting with her husband. Peter's boss-girlfriend makes more money than he does. Bobby has dropped out of business school to pursue his love of racing, but hasn't told his parents yet. And Cindy feels she's always treated like a baby. Each of these

issues is neatly and easily resolved by the end of the show. Resolution, for the Bradys, comes with love, loyalty, family. This idea is the foundation of the Brady Bunch—they had values, they cared about each other—and is also the basis for much of my generation's neurosis.

Some random observations and questions: In re-runs, of course, my primary focus is wanting to fuck Greg. But during the 1970s, I really dug Marsha. Particularly when she got into high school and was wearing those paisley mini-dresses and pantyhose. My own sister was a hippie who had no time for her younger siblings. But Marsha was always up for a game of catch, a confidential chat, or a camping trip. Remember when Florence Henderson got her shag, and Robert Reed got his perm? How come, in that enormous house, the kids all had to share rooms? Have you noticed how sometimes they had the dog, Tiger, and sometimes they didn't? While we did get a chance to observe Peter's voice changing, Marsha getting braces, and Jan getting glasses, we never did see any of the children caught with porno magazines under their beds.

Dennis Cooper tells me that he has heard—from a *very* reliable source—that both Robert Reed, who played the father, and Barry Williams, who played Greg, were gay and sleeping with each other during those final seasons. I know from watching the talk shows that Ann B. Davis (Alice) presently lives in a Christian women's community in Colorado. No comment. The sordid "real" lives of the other cast members can only be imagined. Eve Plumb (Jan) looks quite worn out to me. Christopher Knight (Peter), who was a favorite of many gay men in the '70s, and Mike Lookinland (Bobby), have both, no doubt, been down the typical, treacherous roads of drug abuse, religious cults and failed marriages. In the last season of the program, the Bradys adopted a little orphan boy named Oliver. In the several reunion shows he has not been included, or mentioned, or even alluded to; oh, if only real families worked like that.

How overwhelming it must be to know that you helped inspire the very concept of the dysfunctional family. By presenting a family that worked, *The Brady Bunch* illustrated what it looks like when your family does not work. Remember when the whole family (including Alice) got together to help Greg with his school project? Remember when the whole family (including Alice) got together to make Cindy feel more secure about her lisp? When Peter was disappointed because no one came to his birthday party—he was wearing a stunning little suit and tie—and the whole family (including Alice) threw him a surprise party? When Marsha was all into Women's Lib, and the whole family (including Alice) made a bet to do each other's chores, to find out if males and females were *really* equal? Remember when Jan lost her locket, and the whole family (including Alice) re-enacted the events of the day to see when and where it might have been misplaced?

Yeah, my family did that too. Including the maid, who was then promptly fired for passing out drunk in the guest room.

Television is not a subversive art form. Television aesthetics are inextricably wound together with information, entertainment, celebrity. Television can illuminate the culture, or affect it; but it can't *define* it. With TV, there is no author, only a context. It is popular among the academic types to call television-watching a passive experience, but it is really more complicated than that: Television is interaction. People in a living room will discuss or enjoy or loathe the images and ads, comparing beliefs, memories, perspectives. Sometimes even talk to their sets. And so TV is conducive to a certain kind (a modern kind) of intimacy. Think of America as one big living room—the advertising folks certainly do. In that way, we have all interacted with, been intimate with, *The Brady Bunch*. And the show was blatantly, arrogantly, a lie. They were *trying* to present an unrealistic version of American life. The show's very premise was that there are no complex problems, and the simple problems will be resolved. The real challenges to American family life— divorce, incest, abuse, addiction, et al.—are no part of the Bunch's world-view. They never even have sibling rivalry, except a situational bout of it which is dealt with by the end of the show. Partly, this phony take on life is due to the form and function of television; partly, it's just the Bradys.

The climax of *A Very Brady Christmas* has them all sitting around the dinner table—except for Alice, who is making the pies—and Father Brady is giving a little speech about how important honesty is for the family. At that point, each kid, guilty about not being completely honest, stands up and admits the "secret" he or she has been keeping, alluded to above. Not only is the family forgiving of the transgressions and difficulties, but all the problems are solved! I loved it! The irony, that a program whose very purpose is to lie to the audience has as its primary message the value of honesty.

Because you'll notice, for their reunion shows, Peter doesn't come home to reveal he has AIDS, Jan is not dating an African American, Greg isn't homeless, Marsha isn't pierced and tattooed, Cindy is not a Christian fundamentalist fanatic, and Bobby isn't taking female hormones. Carol has not come out as a lesbian and Mike is not a recovering alcoholic. No real issues for the Bradys. I mean, nobody even has Carpel Tunnel Syndrome!

Oh well. And if we could all be like the Brady Bunch, would we choose to be? Sure.


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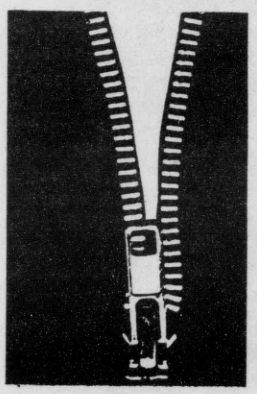

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# WHAT'S GOING DOWN

BY LOUISE RAFKIN

## The Queer Year In Review

The Good, Bad and... What can you say about a year which started with a full scale war and ended with a jury passing around a black lace bra, except that we saw it all thanks to gracious TV hosts and "our sponsors."

Because of the ever-present media, 1991 was surely the most public of recent years. I felt like I was in the middle of an interactive Nintendo game. Everywhere I went people were tossing in their two bits on the crisis of the moment. The viewing public—at home with one paw in a bowl of chips, the other wrapped around a Bud Lite—got to play several good, old-fashioned games of gladiators: Thumbs down on those Iraqis! Boo-hiss to that Miss Hill! That Kennedy was jus' having a good time! That no-face lady's a slut! We can all be Judge Wapner!

I'm more scared of the media than ever before. Will it take 20 years for Oliver Stone to come out with the "real" story on the Iraqi War? A nice shot of American tanks running over still live Iraqi soldiers ought to look great on the big screen—because we sure didn't see much on our small ones. During the war, our journalists (possibly excepting Peter Arnett) played Mother-May-I with both the State Department and the Iraqi government. Can we go here? Can we say that? How can we help our country win the war if we report what's really going on? What if we sound anti-American? Heavens!

My mantra of the year: What's the real story? What's the real story of that Bush-whack team of scummy junior lawyers who were told to come up with anything to discredit Anita Hill? Come on, guys, that reference to *The Exorcist* didn't do anyone any good. The upshot of days watching men on edge—will they get him? (Read: Can they get *me*?) Maybe a few more women will recognize sexual harassment in their own lives. But if they do, they had better be ready to be crucified. The hearings were as scripted as the 1980 hostage-for-arms deal, and don't let anybody tell you otherwise. But who really cares?

#1 Kennedy joke: For safe sex, wear a good lawyer.

Any of us who are *L.A. Law* addicts could have done better, but to watch that poor mouse up against those lions should have elicited out a universal love of the underdog. Thumbs down, Moira. Kudos to the victim—and I use the word with great consciousness—because her "coming out" on *Prime Time* made it worth it to me for one. "What part of No didn't he understand?"

Get it girls? A man's sworn word invariably beats out a woman's. And just remember what book everybody's swearing it on. It ain't ours.

Moments worth the journey: Thelma popping off that potential rapist. T&L (not T&A) takes its place on my list of favorite feminist folk tales, right next to *Stepford Wives*. A must for all nine-year-olds.

A recent Thursday night trauma: How to watch an *L.A. Law* on a lesbian custody battle and catch the segment on gay bars on *Prime Time*? (Yes, the shot signing off was of that stunning British lawyer stepping over the threshold into her lover's arms on Christmas Eve... Ahhhh...) And Roseanne's queer boss... not done badly at all.

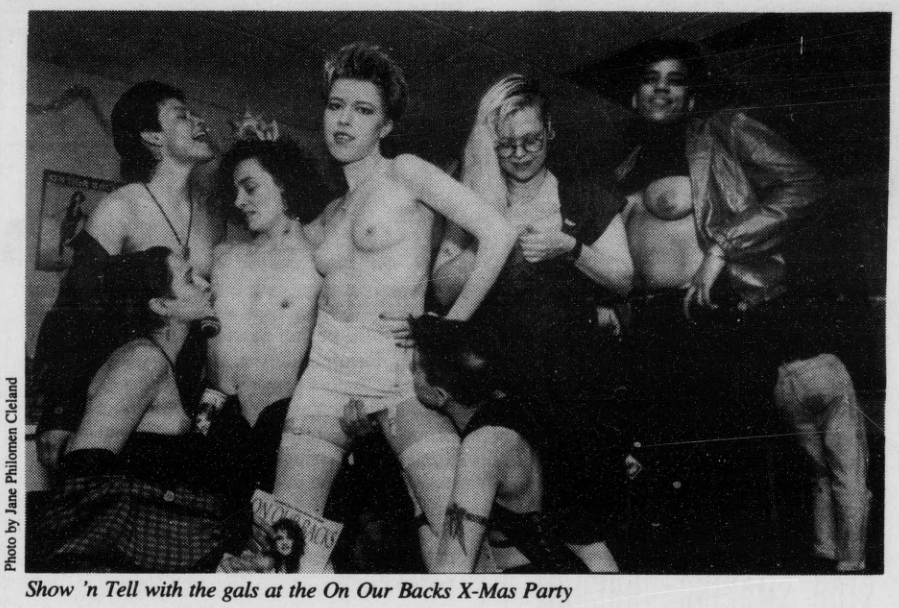
Most unlikely similarity noted by this columnist: The lubricant "Probe" has the same active ingredient as my hair gel.

A wish list for 1992? The usual, world peace, a cure for AIDS, an end to homelessness. Sure, I watched years of Miss America and know how to answer the question.

But really? I think we're in trouble. I'm doom-saying, but it's because I need help. The reality is that this year *Roe v. Wade* may go the way of the dodo. And if women haven't got the oh-so-subliminal message by watching TV this year: We are in big ol' trouble. And it'd be great—more than great—if you brothers out there would help out. I think it's time.

All this is so public. I did have a private life this year (I think...) and recently found myself in NYC at the now infamous "Clit Club." And yep, there were half-naked go-go girls. One gender-bending gal stroked her strap-on over the heads of many dancing nymphs, her painted-on sideburns and bare breasts creating only a slight feeling of vertigo. And yes, there were sex videos playing downstairs in the lounge, just the do-it parts, while some onlookers stared blank-eyed and some giggled. I felt old and anything but sexy. Turn me on with a rousing political victory or any case of justice served. That, or just the peak of a breast under a white cotton T.

Happy New Year. At least the last one's over.



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*Show 'n Tell with the gals at the On Our Backs X-Mas Party*

## Letters...

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will descend in their homophobic crusade against man/boy lovers. The media's reporting of these claims, without any effort to review the alleged literature or contact NAMBLA, shows to what extent they are the dupes of police propaganda.

NAMBLA is a political and educational organization that seeks understanding for consensual relationships between adults and people younger than 18 years. While we believe that consenting relationships between boys and men are to be celebrated, as they have often been throughout history, we do not assist, and never have assisted sexual liaisons or broken the law.

The issues NAMBLA raises need desperately to be heard. Tens of thousands of men are jailed in the United States, sometimes for life, for relationships with boys that were loving and consensual. Many of these men would never be prosecuted in other countries, such as Canada, where the age of consent is 14, or the Netherlands, where it is 12—countries where the difference between consensual sex and sexual abuse is better recognized. The inability to acknowledge that distinction in California, where a consensual relationship between an adult and a 17-year-old counts as "child molestation," demeans the real victims of sexual coercion.

In the current climate of hysteria, consensual relationships between men and boys are treated more harshly than violent physical abuse of children within the family. Instead of empowering children and youth with control of their own bodies, sexual repression is thwarting the fight against real abuse. Perpetuating this injustice is the real motive behind the San Francisco Police Department's McCarthyite tactics.

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# AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

# Treatments to Watch in 1992

At the beginning of each year we list the treatments we are watching most closely because of their potential importance in the months ahead. This year more is happening than ever before, so readers should realize that our list is incomplete; no one can keep up with everything. These are some of the treatments to watch, but there may be others just as important.

Our top-priority list of seven treatments and potential treatments appears below in order of importance.

### TAT INHIBITOR

Many leading AIDS researchers believe that blocking the "tat" gene of HIV may be the most promising approach to AIDS drug development. And new information presented at a recent conference but not yet widely known greatly strengthens the case for this kind of drug.

The HIV tat gene produces a protein which greatly increases the activity of the virus; without tat, the virus becomes inactive. Because this gene has long been recognized as a potential target for an antiviral, the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) has provided about $700,000 a year for tat research to a consortium headed by Hoffmann-La Roche, which developed a drug code-named Ro 24-7429. It is now being tested at Johns Hopkins University. No other tat drug is ready for human testing.

Here is why this approach is important:

• A major advantage of a tat inhibitor over almost all other AIDS drugs is that it would probably be effective in chronically infected as well as acutely infected cells (as Ro 24-7429 has indeed been found to be). Other antivirals, such as AZT, ddI, ddC, and the non-nucleoside RT inhibitors, at best stop HIV from reproducing; they work after the virus has infected a cell, by preventing the genetic information of the virus from being inserted into the genes of the cell. But it seems increasingly likely that much of the damage of AIDS is caused by reservoirs of the virus in chronically infected cells (including macrophages, dendritic cells in the skin, and probably other kinds of cells also). HIV does not kill these cells, but it makes them behave abnormally; they may produce toxic substances such as gp120, or inappropriate amounts of cytokines, normal chemical "messengers" between cells. This process is not affected by the drugs mentioned above (and probably not by the new class of protease inhibitors, either). An effective anti-tat drug would probably make HIV inactive in these cells, stopping the production of toxic substances—although it would not kill the virus and, like the other drugs, would need to be taken indefinitely.

• Another major advantage concerns viral resistance. Researchers have suspected that HIV might not be able to develop resistance to an anti-tat drug, because the function of tat may be critical; a mutation which could get around the drug effect would be lethal to the virus. Now there is evidence that this may indeed be the case. At the recent "New Directions in Antiviral Chemotherapy" conference in San Francisco, Douglas Richman, M.D., the leading expert on HIV resistance to antivirals, was asked about his results. In laboratory tests, he could quickly ("as early as one passage and always within six passages") select for resistance to the non-nucleoside RT inhibitor BI-RG-587 (which, along with the Merck "L-drug," has recently shown major resistance problems in human trials). But in well over a year of tests he has not found any change in sensitivity of HIV to the tat inhibitor (Ro 5-3335, an earlier version of Ro 24-7429, which apparently was abandoned because of kidney toxicity in animal tests).

In the past, one reason for skepticism about the tat inhibitor is that its chemical structure is quite similar to that of BI-RG-587. Some skeptics had thought that the Hoffmann-La Roche drug may have been mistakenly identified as a tat inhibitor, but that it really inhibited reverse transcriptase instead—in which case it would not be special. The new resistance information (which as far as we know appears in print for the first time in this article) shows that while the two drugs are chemically similar, they are very different in their effects—apparently because they act against different targets in the virus.

It has also been found that AZT-resistant strains of HIV are equally sensitive to the tat inhibitor as non-resistant strains.

• Ro 24-7429 is synergistic with AZT, meaning that the combination works better than would be expected by adding the separate effects of the two drugs.

• Ro 24-7429 is a "benzodiazepine derivative" —a member of the class of chemicals which includes the tranquilizers Valium and Librium. The extensive human experience with this kind of chemical may help in the development of the new drug.

There are three main safety concerns with Ro 24-7429. In animal studies (which presumably included much higher doses than will be given to humans) it can cause kidney toxicity. And in the body, the drug is turned into a substance with a strong yellow color which is seen in the urine; in animals, this substance could also remain in the tissues. The third concern is that many benzodiazepine derivatives can cause central nervous system toxicity; as a result, Ro 24-7429 was carefully tested for this before human trials began.

The first human trial of Ro 24-7429, which administered only one dose of the drug, has now been completed. The second trial is now ongoing at Johns Hopkins University. This trial is designed only as a safety study; according to a spokesperson for Hoffmann-La Roche, no efficacy information is being collected. The three lowest doses (60, 200 and 600 mg) should be tested by early 1992; then the FDA wants to look at the data to decide whether to continue this trial with higher doses.

The corporate future of the tat inhibitor has been insecure since April 1991, when developer Hoffmann-La Roche decided that for business reasons it did not want to develop this drug, and told Johns Hopkins researchers to indefinitely postpone the trial which was scheduled to start at that time. Hoffmann-La Roche is expected to announce soon that it has sold rights to the drug to another pharmaceutical company.

We are concerned that the current trial of Ro 24-7429 is not collecting efficacy information, as is commonly done in other trials of AIDS treatments; we urgently need an early indication of whether or not the drug is working in people as a practical treatment for HIV. The trial has also been criticized for its exclusion criteria, especially its exclusion of women of "childbearing potential"; this trial will end with little or no safety information for women.

No one yet knows if Ro 24-7429 will be successful as a drug. If it is not, then the technology which found it (screening for anti-tat activity) will be vitally important, for searching for other tat drugs. This technology was developed at least in part at public expense; it should be made available. (We have been told that the drug itself, Ro 24-7429, was an off-the-shelf chemical at Hoffmann-La Roche, discovered by luck early in the screening process. How many more tat drugs could be found if the screening were not limited to existing chemicals which a single company has the commercial rights to produce?)

### HYPERICIN

Hypericin, an antiviral found in small amounts in the St. John's wort plant, appears to be a broad-spectrum antiviral. It shows good anti-HIV activity in laboratory tests (including tests on "wild" virus strains in freshly drawn blood from persons with HIV) and was found to be an effective treatment for other retroviral diseases in laboratory animals. It appears to have excellent pharmacokinetic properties: It is orally available, has a long half-life, and gets into cells. It has been in human use for years (in low doses), especially in Europe, where herbal extracts have been used as an antidepressant. In animal tests, large doses can be tolerated with little toxicity.

The main potential importance of hypericin is that if it works as an HIV treatment, it would provide a whole range of new treatment options, since its mechanism of action is entirely different from that of other available drugs. Also, laboratory tests have shown activity against CMV, influenza, and other viruses. Recent anecdotal reports have suggested that even the low-dose plant extracts might have a role in treating hepatitis B.

Hypericin, which was chemically purified from the plant extracts, was ready for human trials three years ago, but it was not tested; instead, research was undertaken to improve the methods for chemically synthesizing the drug (without relying on plants), and this work took longer than expected. The ostensible reason for not testing the plant extract was lack of supply of the drug; but our re-

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cent discussions with an underground chemist made it clear that supply for a small trial at least would not have been a problem. Our best guess as to why a trial was not started three years ago is that there has always been general agreement that eventually this drug will be produced synthetically, if used on a large scale. And the FDA, for historical reasons, is divided between "drug" and "biologic" divisions, with different personnel and procedures. If a substance is first tested as a plant extract, and later is manufactured, it would have to start the approval process over again in the other division. The tragedy, of course, is that if the substance did work well in early tests, then resources would have been found to overcome all obstacles, no matter how the drug was manufactured. (Two years ago, the Community Research Alliance, a San Francisco organization co-founded by this writer, had completed a monitoring study of over 30 people who used the St. John's wort extracts available in buyers' clubs and health-food stores. Although T-helper counts did increase among those who started with high baseline counts, the effect was not dramatic enough to attract attention.)

The first human trial with pure hypericin (as opposed to crude plant extracts, which cannot supply the doses believed likely to be effective) began a few weeks ago at New York University and two other sites. No efficacy data is yet available, but researchers are encouraged by the good pharmacology of the drug and the lack of serious toxicity. This study is not blinded, and information will be reported as it becomes available; the first two weeks of data was presented recently at a meeting of NIAID's AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

One side effect has been found—a feeling of warmth in the hands and face. It has been described as the feeling of coming into a warm room after being outdoors on a cold day; one volunteer was uncomfortable enough to withdraw from the study as a result. This effect may be due to phototoxicity (abnormal sensitivity to sunlight or other strong light), a side effect expected because it occurs in animals. Volunteers have been given a sunscreen to protect the hands and face from sunlight. And a minor drawback found in this trial is that the hypericin's half-life in humans (24 to 25 hours) is less than in the two species of monkeys in which it has been measured; as a result, the drug may need to be taken three times a week instead of twice, in order to maintain antiviral levels in the blood.

If hypericin does prove useful, there should be little trouble obtaining supplies, either by synthesis or by chemical extraction from plant sources. The plants grow all over the world.

### ddC AND AZT COMBINATION

This drug combination has become the de facto standard of care (for certain patients) among a number of leading AIDS physicians, even though ddC is not approved. Trial results first came out over a year ago; little new information is now available.

In 1992 we hope and expect to see more information for physicians about how best to use this combination; especially needed is guidance about which patients are most likely to benefit. We also hope and expect to see FDA approval of ddC. Hoffmann-La Roche has applied for approval both for single-drug use and in combination with AZT.

### SOLUBLE MELANIN

This potential treatment was covered extensively in the Dec. 5 issue of *SF Bay Times*, and will not be repeated here. We have received little new information since that publication; few new people have tried melanin, since it has not been available. We have talked to one person whose T-helper count went down after about a month of the treatment, and who had no symptomatic improvement.

Melanin may be available soon. Here are some points to consider in deciding whether to use it:

- Although researchers who have worked with melanins generally regard them as safe, this chemical has never been through the standard animal toxicity studies required before a drug can first be tested in humans. And the stories we have heard about its effectiveness, while impressive, are anecdotal; there is no proof that the drug works. Anyone considering trying melanin should realize how preliminary and nebulous the current information is.
- In all but one of the (handful of) cases reported to us, there was considerable improvement within five days—usually within one day. This suggests that those who do decide to try the treatment might try it for only a short time, perhaps a week, and then stop unless it clearly seems to be helping. Why accept the unknown risks of long-term use unless there is a clear benefit in return?
- We would very much like to hear from anyone who has first-hand information about use of melanin as an AIDS/HIV treatment, whether or not it seemed helpful. Include contact information so that we can get in touch with you; we will keep your identity confidential. Write to *AIDS Treatment News*, re: melanin, PO Box 411256, SF 94114, or call (415) 255-0588.

The urgent need now is to confirm or deny the suggestion that this treatment may bring dramatic benefit within days for most persons with HIV-related symptoms. The research mainstream is not constituted to investigate this question properly. If the answer is No—which historically is the case with most new drugs—then melanin can go back to the research establishment for eventual determination of its ultimate value in AIDS/HIV treatment.

### NAC

Laboratory work continues to look good on NAC, and the treatment, available at buyers' clubs and health-food stores, continues to be popular. There is still no efficacy data from clinical trials, which only began recently, although they should have started at least two years ago.

Our impression is that the benefit of NAC appears to be limited; it may slow down the progression of HIV, especially in some patients, but it is unlikely to be a sufficient treatment by itself. This potential treatment is interesting nevertheless, because it has so little "down side"; it appears to be safe, and is inexpensive and available.

### RIBAVIRIN AND ddI COMBINATION

There have long been hints from laboratory studies that this combination may work well. But it is almost impossible to run trials which combine two unapproved drugs, especially drugs from different companies. Now that ddI has been approved, trials will be easier to initiate.

### ANTISENSE DRUGS

"Antisense" technology is a means of developing drugs which bind to a specific sequence of DNA or RNA within cells. The purpose is to target and shut down specific genes. Antisense drugs may have great future impact for treating cancer, viral diseases and other medical conditions.

It is generally believed that practical antisense drugs are years away. But the technology has been advancing faster than expected. We have heard that antisense AIDS treatments might be ready for human trials as early as 1992.

One immediate problem with antisense drugs is that, at present, they are very expensive to produce.

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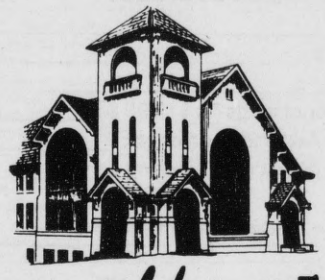

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## Year at a Glance

Believe it or not, 1991 was a quiet year astrologically. Did everybody have a nice rest? As major changes from 1989 and 1990 played out, the entire world has been changed, and now the fun begins. 1992 is really a precursor to the big shifts that will take place in 1993:

- Churches will fracture and regroup; old denominations will split and crumble; new ones will start up; dogmas will roll over, fetch or get very nasty. Increased polarization will lead to innovative liberation theologies as well as fundamental nonsense at new extremes;
- Music will gain new understanding and new definitions which will challenge musicians to explore radical new styles;
- Eco-disasters will bring down at least one government, probably several.

April, May and June will especially foreshadow the big changes of '93.

Through '92 there will be massive clean-up efforts and growing ecological activism peaking in August. Restructuring of markets may help forestall the continuing deterioration of the global economy, but this is an opportune time that may well be missed.

### UNITED STATES

The death of a popular entertainer will catalyze the struggle against AIDS and force a national reexamination of restraints against sexual information on television.

The economy will get a boost from February to early July. This will lead to a boom in construction of housing.

George Bush's chart shows trouble in November, and the country will be itching for a change, but whether the Democrats can pull themselves together remains to be seen.

### SAN FRANCISCO

It looks like a reasonably quiet year for the City, but a difficult one. We're entering a period of severe belt tightening, cut-backs, consolidated authority. The Board of Supes will retain a great deal of influence and have continued opportunities to assume and demonstrate responsibility, at least until mid-October when their influence will wane.

### SUN SIGNS

**ARIES:** It's a wonderful year for work, but you may expect to feel as if you're not getting ahead. As long as you're living very much in the present (as Aries typically do) and enjoying your work, that should be fine. Alas, authority figures will be very weird with you—or you will be so with them, misanticipating and getting cranky. Actually, this is a good year to start your own business, if only because it will alleviate more trouble than it will require. Your friends will offer much advice which will be very dreary and annoying, but more helpful than you care to admit. Listen to them politely at the very least.

**TAURUS:** Are we having fun yet? We certainly shall soon! Your idea of fun involves feeling productive, so you will be working hard this year and enjoying it. You are at (or soon approaching) the peak of a 30-year career cycle. Open yourself up to new lessons, philosophies that may seem quite bizarre to you. The odder they seem, the more they have to offer. Yes, do remain as pragmatic and sensible as usual, but do try to be open-minded. During the summer these odd new ideologies will prove tremendously helpful in advancing your career, although you will need to be extremely politic at that time.

**GEMINI:** This year opens up some interesting erotic possibilities. Invest in a case of opera length veterinary gloves. "Eros" may refer to catalytic spiritual interactions rather than the usual. You will be pushed beyond known and comfortable limits, but the tantalizing rewards, meta- or purely physical will be irresistible. Home life will also open up opportunities. This would be a good year to move, probably best in August.

**CANCER:** Sex is challenging, relationships are totally weird, and this is just the warm-up for next year. The best of it is that you're especially adept at communicating this year. Instead of your usual mooning and pining, you get to articulate. How novel! Develop this skill; you're gonna need it. Approach sex as a skill to develop and you will master it. Classes in sexuality could help; investing in curious toys is also nice. Did I warn you your lover will get weird on you? Or perhaps you're the one getting weird. In any event, remember to articulate; also to listen. Things will get most interesting, and could even be great fun. Oh, if you don't have a lover yet, you'll meet some dandy candidates; candidates for what, I'm too polite to say. Be careful.

**LEO:** Work gets very interesting this year, not at all what you'd expect. Well, I hope it's your work. Could be your health. Acupuncture and meditation are all wonderful therapies for you, but self-employment and charitable works are also good ways to keep your holistics wholesome. All the changes in health and work will also impact your relationships, especially during the summer. Expect to renegotiate. A lot. This is your lucky year for money, so spread it around and put it to good use.

**VIRGO:** This is your lucky year. Weird, but lucky. You don't know how lucky you are. For everyone else it's just weird. Creative endeavors will lead you to realms you'd never dreamed existed. Any artistic abilities you have (such as they are) will open up and scream for expression. Whether or not you actually have talent is another matter, but certainly allowing your creativity to blossom will help you be a more well rounded and joyous human being. (I forget where I read that.) You can even utilize those nascent skills in your work which is extremely challenging these days, but you like a good challenge, don't you?

**LIBRA:** Blessings come in disguise this year. Domestic and family stuff gets very odd. You may find out that you were adopted or something equally odd. I don't know if David Duke is a Libra, but I'd love to see him carrying the sickle cell or Tay-Sachs gene. Yeah, it could be that kind of weird family revelation, but doesn't have to be bad. It could even provide a rich source for creative endeavors. At the very least, keep your artistic hobbies up. The occupational therapy will do you a world of good and could even prove profitable.

**SCORPIO:** The power and sexuality of your sign are famous. Your sensitivity is renown. All these traits that make you as wonderful as you are have nothing to do with rational order or logic. This year and next you have less to do with rational order and logic than ever. You will indeed be powerfully expressive like never before, but most people are going to wonder what the hell you're going on about. Cancer and Pisces understand and Aquarians will refuse to admit that they don't (and they actually get at least a good bit of what you're getting at). You're a whiz at music, poetry, mythology; forget math and science. You have as clear a vision of the future as anyone can these days. Remember Cassandra, and be careful whom you tell what. You're right, but damn few people can handle it.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Your financial picture will start looking very Jackson Pollack over this year and next. Your values and priorities will go through major changes. Since you love adventure, you won't be disappointed. This is an excellent year for fame and recognition. Work on writing and expression. There's a discipline there that will be very good for you. I don't particularly recommend new investments, but if you must, do it in August.

**CAPRICORN:** Big changes are coming up for you over the next three years. 1992 is just a warm-up. In recent years you've been becoming more individualistic and mystical, all of which starts coming together to make you a fount of spiritual innovation. Metamorphosis looms hugely ahead of you. It could be very scary, but the trick is to welcome and celebrate change. The more you resist and try to control it the harder and more painful it will be, and it really doesn't have to be hard or painful at all. Questions of money and priorities will force big changes through the summer, unless you actually initiate and welcome the changes. Travel and new insights bring good luck; stay ever open to new lessons. *Happy Birthday: Robin Sweeney!*

**AQUARIUS:** This year starts raising internal demons that will become even more powerful the following year. This summer will give them shape and weight, but don't despair. You may either tame these inner beasts and find that they can become a

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# THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

# COMING UP!

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## JAN 2 / T H U

**Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF** provides a diverse range of care for people with HIV disease and their loved ones. Training for hospice volunteers begins on 1/21, for info call 861-8705.

**Teen Support Group** for teenagers who are asking questions about sexual orientation & identity. Spons by Kaiser Permanente Medical Clinic & the SF Teen Clinic. Wkly educational & support group. For more info call Aaron Cooper, PhD or Kathy Briccetti, MS at 202-2292. Anonymous & confidential.

**BACW/Marin**: Bay Area Career Women/Marin Business Mtg tonight, 7-9 pm. Call Lynne or Sandi for directions & other info: 457-4866.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's Clay Night! Bring your tools & accessories, come make & decorate your wildest clay creation—the clay's provided, you bring your imagination & good humor—all women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

**Betty Bethards,** mystic, healer, and author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Ycur Own Guru*, lectures on "Understanding 7 Year Cycles: Taking Risks & Welcoming Change," tonight at 8 pm at Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. Tix $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

**Lesbian Erotica Reading** by Tee Corinne at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 8 pm, $3-10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

## JAN 3 / F R I

**At Dark Carnival Bookstore:** Connie Fletcher, author of *Pure Cop* and *What Cops Know* speaks at 6 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

**At A Different Light** Bookstore: Panel discussion by contributors to *Stolen Glances*, a collection of work by various British & American lesbian photographers. Led by Jill Posener. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

**Shabbat Gathering** of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Join us in letting go of the week & your work. Come bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmooze & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! In the Eastbay this month, at 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Call (510) 652-9121 before today for info/directions. See ya there!

**At Mama Bears tonight:** singer/songwriter Vicki Randle in concert! 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Info/reg: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakland.

**"Spoken Word Savages"** spoken word performance series at The Marsh continues with a *Citi-Voice Magazine* Benefit. Proceeds benefit this new quarterly poetry magazine dedicated to making poetry accessible to the public. Readings by Mel C Thompson, Whitman McGowan, Bruce Isaacson, Margery Snyder, Alan Kaufman, Deborah Lee Pagan & Julia Vinograd. 10:30 pm, $4. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

## JAN 4 / S A T

**Women's Day Blood Drive** to benefit people with AIDS. Spons by the Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund. Volunteer blood donors must be 17 or older, in good health, have no risk factors for AIDS or hepatitis & weigh at least 110 pounds. Women interested in donating blood should call 749-6643 for an appt in order to minimize waiting time, plan for adequate nursing staff & assure that they are medically eligible to donate blood. 8 am-4 pm at Irwin Memorial Blood Centers, 270 Masonic Ave at Turk, SF.

**Government Trade Seminar:** Learn how to do business with the federal govt. 9 am-4 pm seminar spons by the Federal EPI Group at Burlingame Hyatt Regency. $275 includes seminar and book, *How to Do Business with the Federal Government*, plus a subscription to the Federal EPI Group Update. Info: 331-0702.

**Soccer Lovers:** 1st Division women's team seeks experienced goalie & halfbacks. Come join the fun! Call (510) 540-7540 for details.

**Tennis—**Interested in playing on a USTA League (formerly VOLVO League)? All-women and all-men teams of 12 or more meet weekly for matches. Season starts in April and runs into July, with playoffs in August. Practices Sat afternoons at SF State, with coach. For details call Barbara Gilman 824-4697.

**Free Plant Disease Clinic** spons by Univ of California Botanical Garden. 9 am-noon. Bring your sick plants or cuttings to Dr Bob Raabe, who will identify & prescribe treatments for common pests, diseases & infections. In the meeting room at the Botanical Garden in Strawberry Canyon, UC Berkeley campus. Info: 642-3343.

**Lake Chabot Run** with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take I-580 East to 150th Ave exit. Turn left at 2nd traffic light onto Fairmont Dr. Continue on Fairmont over the hill. Lake Chabot Marina entrance is on the left. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot on left side of road. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

**Free Open House** spons by the Shi'atsu Institute & Therapy Center of SF. Learn about certification programs in Shiatsu & Eastern Healing Arts. Noon-5 pm. Enjoy a cup of tea, meet teachers & students, ask questions about the school/curriculum, learn more about Shiatsu, "a healing art that welocmes the body back into union with the self." Complimentary Shiatsu sessions & demos. 347 Dolores St btwn 16th & 17th, Ste 118 & 109, SF. Info: 241-9740.

**Marin Women's Support Group** spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1:30 pm today & 1/18. For info/location call 381-3563.

***Sistah Boom* wants Sistahs:** Group seeks lesbian/feminist women of color who would like to play in an Afro/Latin percussion ensemble. For details call (415) 695-7025 in SF or (510) 654-3360 in the Eastbay.

**Fall in Love with Guitar:** Today's the deadline for registration discount—see 1/13 & 14 listings.

**Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance** (GLAA) Gen'l Mtg: 6 pm at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St, SF. Meeting followed by potluck dinner. Info: Steven 863-3353.

**Night of comedy improv & music** with Over Our Heads—Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon—lots of fun & laughter guaranteed! 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

**Lesbians Over 40**: Ongoing leaderless group has two openings available, seeks the right women to complete the circle. Should be: involved in self-exploration, have some experience with therapy and/or group dynamics, be willing to take emotional risks in a safe & supportive environment. Weekly Mon night commitment necessary. SF location. Info 332-9203.

## JAN 5 / S U N

**G40 Plus Club** meets 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Today's program: Alan Selby, the unofficial mayor of Folsom Street, discusses "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Leather." Donations for the AIDS food bank are accepted at mtg—staples & toiletries are especially needed. Perishables cannot be accepted. Info: 552-1997.

**See a film & be in one** at La Pena Cultural Center: Friends of Yesh Gvul host *Wedding in Galilee*, the int'lly acclaimed film portraying political & cultural conflicts facing Israelis & Palestinians. Voice your opinions on the Mideast conflict, & be videotaped. Yesh Gvul is an Israeli organization which supports Israeli soldiers who refuse to serve in the occupied territories. 2:30 pm, donation. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

**12th Night Celebration** with Golden Gate Connection, a social club for heavy set men & their admirers. 3-7 pm at 191 Bepler St, Daly City. Bring a wrapped $5-10 gift for the gift exchange. GGC provides punch & appetizers. Don't miss the fun! Both members & non-members are welcome! Info/directions: Aaron or Steve 756-5365.

**Art Show Reception** at Mama Bears for Ellen Langford, whose "It's Hard to Find Grits in Berkeley" show hangs in Mama Bears thru January. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

**At A Different Light** Bookstore: David Island & Patrick Letellier, co-authors of *Men Who Beat the Men who Love Them: Battered Gay Men & Domestic Violence*, read from & discuss their new book. 5 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

**MusicSources hosts Bach Previews**, a lecture/demo on the repertory of the upcoming American Bach Solists program. Led by Jeffrey Thomas prior to each program at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. 5 pm, $5. Info: (510) 528-1685.

**Sonoma County Lesbians** Supporting Lesbian S/M meets at 6 pm tonight—call M at (707) 525-9822 for location & other info.

**MACW/Marin Meditation**: Join Bay Area Career Women/Marin for a meditation on Mt Tam—30-40 min of silent meditation, followed by tea & discussion. Meet in a quiet home on the slopes of Mt Tam in Mill Valley. Beginning meditators are welcome! $2. Info: Marie 383-4953.

**"To Bo With Love,"** students from much-loved gay author & *SF Bay Times* columnist Bo Huston's writing class read from their final projects. 7:30 pm at At A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891. 489 Castro St, SF.

## JAN 6 / M O N

**Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF** holds auditions for experienced & not-so-experienced singers. This year the Chorus will perform a retrospective of Broadway & popular songs, the Carmina Burana, a Pride concert & a holiday concert, plus attend the Gay & Lesbian Chorus convention in Denver. For info call Henri 974-1221 (day) or 668-1152 (eves) or leave a message at the Chorus office, 861-7067.

**Women Writers Wkshop** spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: Pat 626-7000.

**Bi-Friendly SF** meets tonight & 1/13 for food, drink & conversation. 7 pm at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (& bifriendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

**Bi-Friendly Eastbay** meets tonight for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph Ave at Parker. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Susan 524-0574.

**Comic Danny Williams in "1970"**—Bay Area funnyman Danny Williams premieres his one-man play tonight at Josie's. Tonight's performance benefits Project Inform. Play takes the audience on a journey thru Williams' strict fundamentalist childhood to the year that changed his life—1970, a year in which he went from being a good little boy to tripping on LSD in his dorm, going to a gay bar, and ending up a hustler on Polk Street. A funny, sad, enlightening & familiar story. 8 pm, $12. Runs tonight, then 1/16-26 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 1/17 & 24. Tix $12 for benefit show, $10 thereafter. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

**At DNA Lounge:** *Cray* and *Frog Sandwich*. 8 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

**Bay Area Theatresports** (BATS) comedy improv sporting event—every Mon in Jan at 8 pm at the ACT Playroom, 450 Geary Blvd, SF. Tix $10. Info: 824-8220.

## JAN 7 / T U E

**Lavendar Lounge** TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls airs 1:30 pm on cable channel 25. Show title: "Uniforms II." Hotline: 337-4921.

**BACW/Sonoma Business Mtg:** Get involved in Bay Area Career Women/Sonoma County—your ideas are welcome! Come help plan exciting events for the new year. 6:30-8 pm. For info/location call Deb (707) 869-4112 or Toni (707) 578-7743.

**Writing Erotica**: Good Vibrations spons a workshop with erotic author/columnist/activist Pat Califia. Two-part wkshop (tonight & 1/14, 7-9 pm, $40). Tonight's program features a lecture about the technical problems faced by writers who wish to create & publish sexually explicit material. 1/14 program includes suggestions & discussion of short writing exercises. Participants receive a brief reading list of classic erotica. Wkshop open to both women & men. Pre-reg required. Call 550-7399 for info. 1210 Valencia St, SF.

**Pet Loss Support Group**: Dr Betty Carmack facilitates a free pet loss support group for grieving pet owners. 7:30-9 pm at SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Call 554-3000 to confirm.

**Women's Spirituality Group** meets 7:30 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church in Terra Linda, corner of Freitas Parkway & Del Ganado. $5 donation requested. For program info call 457-1115.

**"Gyana Yoga, the Path of Knowledge,"** a talk by Jim Gilman, well-known Bay Area meditation teacher & Vedantic scholar. Lecture covers the basic principles of Vedantic practice, and points out the nature of self-realization, the goal of the spiritual life. 7:30 pm, free. Silent Way Meditation Center, 2148 A Market St, btwn Church & Sanchez, SF. Info: 864-5640.

**Man of La Mancha Benefit** with Shanti Project. The first of Shanti's 1992 Premire Series. Tix holders enjoy a reception with the play's stars (Raoul Julia and Sheena Easton) at the Francis Drake Hotel in SF, following the performance. For tix & other info call Elaine Jennings 928-0455.

**Funny Gay Males** at Josie's Cabaret: New York's popular trio of openly gay stand-up comics return to Josie's. A look at life thru the eyes of 3 very different comedians—Jaffe Cohen, Danny McWilliams & Bob Smith. Show runs Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/12, with an extra 10 pm show on 1/10. Tix $10. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market,

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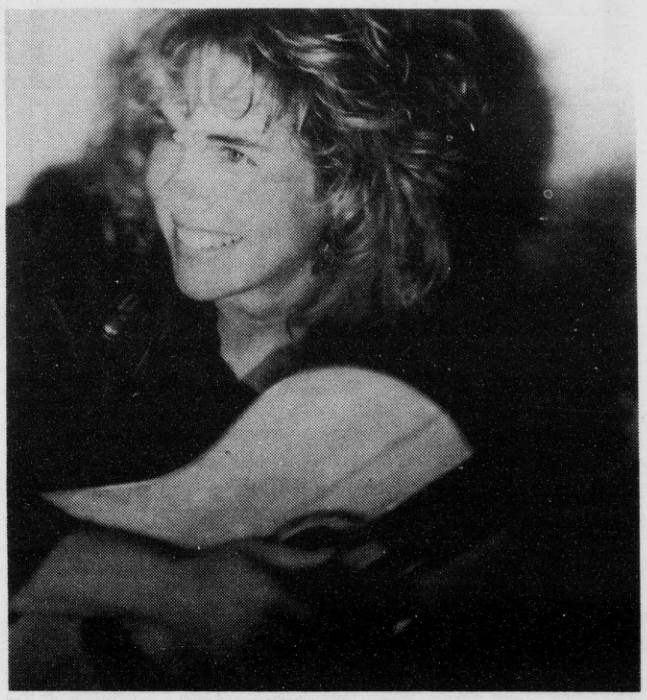
**Alex Chee in "Sex Is"—a benefit at Josie's Cabaret on Jan. 15.**



**Renee Harcourt plays at KBBK Studios on Jan. 11.**

**It's "1970" with comic Danny Williams—opens Jan. 6 at Josie's.**

1992 CABLE CAR AWARDS

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!**

The 1992 Cable Car Awards and Show will be presented on Sat., March 14, 1992 at the Fashion Center on 8th St. The Board of Directors of the Cable Car Awards would like to hear from members of the community who want to nominate an organization, an event or an individual for consideration for this years' Cable Car Award.

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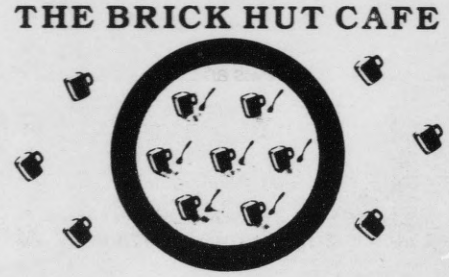

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**At the I-Beam tonight:** *Wade* and *Roy*. 10 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

## JAN 8 / W E D

**O-L-D Is Not a Four-Letter Word:** Class spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets Weds 10 am-noon, thru 1/29 at 145 Guerrero St, SF. $12-20 SL fee for four sessions, scholarships available. Pre-reg required, call Pat 626-7000 for info.
**Bi-Friendly UC** support group/social tonight & 1/15 at 6:30 pm. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & their friends (all "university-identified" people) are welcome! Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for location/info.
**Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force** (NGLTF) meets tonight & 1/22, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
**Shanti Volunteer Eve**: For people interested in becoming Shanti volunteers & assisting people with AIDS and their loved ones. 7 pm, 525 Howard St, SF. Info: Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink 777-2713.
**Lesbian Uprising! Book Group** discusses Sara Levi Calderon's *The Two Mujeres*. 7 pm. Call 441-6238 for info/location.
**PFLAG** (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 7:30 pm at Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill, Mill Valley. Info: 457-1115.
**Funny Gay Males at Josie's**—see 1/7.
**Poetry at Cody's** with Janet Wondra & Rosaleen Bertolino. 8 pm, $2, upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
**At DNA Lounge:** Recording artist Del Tha Funkee Homosapien. 10:30 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.
**At the I-Beam:** Harvey Mandel and *The Snake Band* plus *Diesel Harmonics*. 10 pm, $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

## JAN 9 / T H U

**Teen Support Group** for teenagers asking questions about sexual orientation & identity, see 1/2 listing for details.
**Shared Space Info Gathering:** Monthly informational gathering spons by Project Share for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in sharing space in their homes or finding shared housing. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-9030.
**Men's Friendship Group** spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 1/23 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
**Rainbow's End** lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets tonight & 1/16. See Parents & Kidsbox for details.
**Redefining Wealth:** Ecology, Economics & Spiritality—A forum with Susan Griffin, Joanna Macy, and Helena Norberg-Hodge; co-spons by GAIA, Elmwood Institute, Buddhist Peace Fellowship & UC Berkeley Dept of Conservation & Resources. 7 pm, Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley. Room 155. Tix $10.
**BACW/Marin Small Events** Planning Mtg: Join Bay Area Career Women/Marin for a "brainstorming session" at Avril & Janice's in Mill Valley. Call 383-6737 for directions & other info.
**World Premiere of *Wild Wheels*** launches the 1992 "Film as Art" series at the deYoung Museum. Premiere screening of Harrod Blank's lively look at "art cars" and their owners. Also screening tonight is the popular short by Allie Light & Irving Saraf, *Grandma's Bottle Village*, a look at the art of Tressa Prisbrey, who built her first bottle house to hold her 17,000 pencils, thus beginning the Bottle Village in Simi Valley. 7 pm, $6 gen'l, $5 srs. In the Trustees Auditorium of the Asian Art Museum wing of the deYoung, Golden Gate Park, SF. Program repeats on 1/14 at the UC Theatre in Berkeley, and on 1/16 at the Roxie Cinema in SF.
**Rounds Singing for Women**: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom, in many languages, from many centuries. No musical experience necessary. Thurs eves, 7:15-9 pm. For fee, location & other info call Kay 285-9642.
**Fluffy & Ferocious:** Playing As a Femme Top—A class with Lily Braindrop. Spons by QSM as part of their educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Turned on by the image of a sadistic femme in makeup & stiletto heels? Then come see the publisher of *Taste of Latex* magazine demonstrate her style & techniques. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class held 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: QSM 550-7776.
**Labor Movement Update** at La Pena: "Labor Under Attack: Central America, Mexico & the US," Rosa Escamilla, Ricarda Pavelh, and others speak on the current situation in Central America, drawing ties with the struggle in Mexico. 7:30 pm, $4. Proceeds benefit the Popular Technology Project. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic: "Blowing It: Mistakes We Make In Relationships." Come share your worst times in past relationships, and how you avoid them now. Facilitated by Marilyn. All women welcome! 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
**Funny Gay Males** at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/7 listing for details.
**At DNA Lounge:** Cindy Lee Berryhill and *The Movie Stars*. 9 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison St, SF. Info: 626-1409.

## JAN 10 / F R I

**Russian River Western Wkend '92:** Three days of nonstop entertainment & fun! Tonight thru Sun, featuring lots of country western dancing, a female impersonators burlesque show, a rodeo & picnic lunch, and more! Events held at various area businesses: Fife's Resort, Rainbow Cattle Co, Molly Brown's Saloon, Highland Deli Inn, etc. Spons by the Redwood Empire Horsemen's Assoc. For details call (707) 894-3007. See you there!
**SF Ethnic Dance Festival** Auditions: Public auditions for the 14th annual SF Ethnic Dance Festival. 5-10 pm tonight, 9:30 am-6 pm tmw & 1/12 at McKenna Theater, SF State University, 19th & Holloway, SF. $1 donation requested. Over 50 companies or soloists representing a wide spectrum of world music and dance will perform. Doors open 1/2 hour before auditions begin. Info: City Celebration 474-3914.
**Bi-Friendly Women's Night Out:** Dinner & dancing for girls only—meet for dinner at 7:30 at Ploy Thai Cuisine (entrees $5-10,), 1770 Haight St at Clayton, SF. Followed by dancing at Club Q, 1748 Haight St, SF. $5 cover.
**Rashida Oji Concert** at Mama Bears—dynamic a capella with guitar & drums. Folk, rock & rap. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
***Kronos Quartet*** perform at Stanford University's Dinkelspiel Auditorium tonight at 8 pm. Program includes the US premiere of Peter Sculthorpe's "Irkanda IV," the Bay Area premiere of Michael Daugherty's "Beat Boxer," John Zorn's "Cat O'Nine Tails," Terry Riley's "Mythic Birds Waltz," Scott Johnson's "Soliloquy," Hermeto Pascoal's "Marcando Tempo," and HM Gorecki's "Already It Is Dusk." $22.50 & $20.50. $3 stdnt discount. Info/res: 725IARTS.
**Old First Concerts series** continues with works by Brahms, Mozart & Buyanovsky; performed by James Taylor, French horn; Valerie Tisdel, violin; Joan Nagano, piano; and a guest string quartet. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Old First Church, Sacramento & Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 474-1608.
**Lee Goland & Friends** in Concert at KBBK Studios. 8 pm, $6. Info/res: 563-9046. 465 Broadway Street, SF.
**Funny Gay Males** at Josie's Cabaret—8 & 10 pm; see 1/7 listing for details.
**Traditional Ecuadoran Music** at La Pena with *Duchicela*. 8:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: 849-2568.
**Spoken Word Savages Series** continues at The Marsh with "Sound & Fury," reading/performance by poet Steve Arntsen and poet/singer/tattoo artist Daniel Higgs. 10:30 pm, $4. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

**"Wild Blue"—Shawn Ventura and Robert Molossi perform the West Coast premiere of Joe Pintauro's play at Theatre Rhino. Opens Jan. 11; OnStage has details.**

## JAN 11 / S A T

**Russian River Western Wkend '92**—Nonstop fun! Don't miss—see 1/10 listing for details.
**Shanti Project Volunteer Training** for Crossings: Two-day training (today & tmw) for Shanti Project's program providing practical & emotional support for people in the Tenderloin, South of Market & Mission Districts who are impacted by HIV. Info: Jeanette Lazam 777-2273.
**Soccer Women**—see 1/4 listing.
**SF Ethnic Dance Festival Auditions** at SF State University—see 1/10 listing.
**Point Pinole Run** with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Interstate 80 north. Exit Hilltop Dr and go west past mall. Turn right onto San Pablo Ave, go about 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Atlas Rd and follow to Pt Pinole Park. Meet 9:30 am at parking lot. Parking fee; some free parking offstreet, before the park entrace. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
**Barnabe Mtn** (Samuel P Taylor State Park, Marin) Hike with SF Hiking Club: Enjoyable 7 mile loop—easy stroll thru a redwood forest combined with a moderate-to-strenuous ascent to the top of 1466 ft Barnabe Mtn (named for General John Fremont's mule, who lies buried at its base). Panoramic views. Cost per car $6 mileage plus $3 bridge toll, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch, canteen with water & warm clothes. Meet 9:45 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Rain cancels. Led by Jim Gordon.
**Basic Tax & Recordkeeping** Information for Self-Employed People: A 1-day seminar spons by Options Institute & taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. 10 am-4 pm, $60. SF location. Info: 821-1015.
**Fun for kids at La Pena** with Plum City Players, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
**Tennis**—Interested in playing on a USTA League? See 1/4 listing for details.
**At Sisterspirit Women's Books:** Longtime activists Phyllis Lyon & Del Martin celebrate the 20th anniversary of their herstory-making book, *Lesbian/Woman* with a talk & booksigning, 1-3 pm. Free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (408) 293-9372.
***Sistah Boom*** seeks Sistahs—see 1/4

# PARENTS & KIDS BOX

**Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group** meets 1/17 at First Presbyterian Church/San Rafael, corner of Mission & E St, in the Geneva Room (2nd floor). 7 pm. Childcare provided, $2 per family. Info: 457-1115.
**Prospective Queer Parents** Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.
**Baby Blues:** In Pursuit of Fertility—12-wk group for women having made ten or more insemination attempts. Discuss the feelings of isolation, helplessness, frustration & envy that can complicate trying to get pregnant. Mondays 6:30-8 pm in Oakland. Info: Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 835-8919.
**Golden Gate Boys Choir** & Bellringers holds their winter auditions 1/2-2/15. Open to all interested boys ages 7 and up, with unchanged voices. No previous musical training is necessary. 75-member choir includes boys from 5 Bay Area counties, offers boys & young men musical instruction & the chance to develop their talent. Rehearsal sites held in several convenient Bay Area locations. For info or to schedule an audition appt call (510) 887-4311.
**Rainbow's End** Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Group for ages 23 & under meets Thurs evenings. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time, 7-9 pm group time. 1/2, 9, 16 & 23. For location & other info call 457-1115.
**Small Change Strolling Group** meets 12:30 am every Wednesday for excursions and a stroll thru Golden Gate Park. Free, everyone's welcome! Small Change also keeps a file of people interested in childcare exchange, playgroup formations, etc. Drop by & take a look. 1234 9th Ave, SF. Call 566-1234 for more info.
**Public Observation Programs** provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
**Winter Classes & Wkshops** at Richmond Art Center, for adults & kids. Variety of visual arts media offered. Special series of classes for kids ages 3-16. Info: 620-6772.
**For Kids at La Pena**: 1/4—Storyteller Gracie Woodward shares wonderful tales, Nancy Raven sings songs. 1/18—Heartwarming music for kids of all ages with Dan Goldensohn. 1/25—Susan Alexander & Pam Johnson use puppets, sign language & song to explore a world of strange & wonderful creatures. All performances at 10:30 am. Tix $3 for adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
**Plum City Players** group of storytellers, songwriters & musicians present programs of original music & international folklore for kids & their parents at La Pena Cultural Center: 10:30 am on 1/11, 2/22, 3/28 & 4/25. Kids $2, grownups $3. Info: (510) 845-5095 or (510) 222-6931.
**Pickle Family Circus**: Lots of fun for kids & parents! Thru 1/4 at Palace of Fine Arts Theater, Bay & Lyon Sts, SF. Info: (415) 826-5678. For tix call (510) 762-BASS.
**"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"** musical entertainment for the whole family, based on the Peanuts comic strip. 1/3-12 at Dean Lesher Theatre, Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. For tix & other info call 943-SHOW.

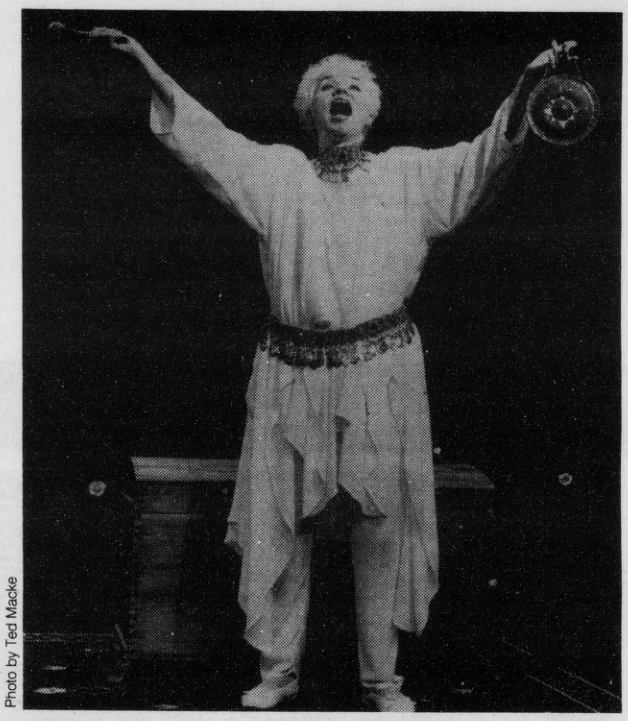
listing for details.
**Lesbians Over 40** Group seeks new members, see 11/4 listing for details.
**ETVC 8th Annual Cotillion:** ETVC, the TV/TS & Friends Club, present their annual cotillion, featuring the selection of "Miss ETVC 1992," and presentation of the debutantes; plus entertainment, buffet, prizes & lots of charming girls. Food served at 7 pm, show starts at 8. At California Club, 1750 Clay St, SF. Tix $18 adv, $25 at door, available at the Chez Mollet or Lily's. For more info call (510) 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF 94142.
**Girth & Mirth Club of SF** presents a special rap session for the chubby gay man & his admirer. Topic: Relationships. At the G&M Clubhouse, 176-B Page St, SF. Call 824-0260 for time & other info.
**Southbay FLSG** (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets 7 pm for January potluck at Eileen's house in Campbell. Call (408) 374-5228 for info/directions. Newcomers are welcome!
**Jazz at ASTA Supper Club** with Buddy Conner. 7:30-11:30 pm, no cover. One Rincon Center, 101 Spear St, SF. Info/res: 495-ASTA.
**At A Different Light** Bookstore: Authors Jacques Servin & Ken McLaughlin read new fiction. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
**Acoustic Guitarists** Jorge Strunz & Ardeshir Farah present a world beat concert at Stanford University's Memorial Auditorium. Accompanied by Guillermo Guzman, bass; Lewis Perez, percussion; Carlos Gomez, congas & percussion; and Paul Tehonga, drums. 8 pm. Tix $22, $20, $18 & $16 genl; stdnts $3 discount. Info: (415) 725-ARTS, (510) 762-BASS or (408) 998-BASS.
**At Mama Bears tonight:** Silvia Kohan (yes, she's back!) & Tracy Stark in concert! Plus cameo appearance by Mojo. Don't miss! 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
**Renee Harcourt & Kevin Harris** in concert at KBBK Studios. 8 pm, $7. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info/res: 563-9046.
**Funny Gay Males** at Josie's Cabaret; see 1/7 listing for details.
**Dance at La Pena:** Chicano music, Tex-Mex, and salsa with *Ritmo Latino*. 9:30 pm, $8. Info: 849-2568.
**At the I-Beam:** Penelope Houston, plus *SF Seals*, with Barbara Manning. 10 pm, $6. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.
**At Klubstitute Tonight:** America's white trash wedding of the decade! Drag king Elvis Herselvis & Glamoretta Rampage (aka columnist Justin Bond) will be joined in Holy Matrimony by satirist/cartoonist Kris Kovic. With star-studded reception featuring entertainment by Pearl E. Gates, Rodney "Lipstynka" Austin, Miss X, Billy DeHerrera, Carpenteria, *Jane Russel's Bra* and special guest dj Downtown Donna. 10 pm, $4.98 (cheap!)—$2.49 before 10. Please bring ID. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF. Info: Leigh Crow 752-7930.
**Gay Comedy Night at Josie's** Cabaret with funnymen Tom Ammiano, Mario Mondelli & Danny Williams. 10 pm, $8. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

## JAN 12 / SUN

**Russian River Western Wkend '92**—final day! See 1/10 listing for details.
**SF Ethnic Dance Festival Auditions** at SF State University—see 1/10 listing for details.
**Vocals & Guitar Wkshop** with Judith Kate Friedman. For anyone with basic guitar skills who loves to sing. 11:30 am-2 pm, $25 adv, $30 at door. Limited to 6, pre-reg suggested. Call 824-KATE for info. SF Mission District location.
**Pet Bird Care Class** offered by SF SPCA. Pet bird consultant Sally Blanchard discusses the humane care of parrots, cockatiels & other exotic pet birds. Noon-4 pm, $5. 2500 16th St, SF. For reg/info call 554-3050.
**Potluck Brunch for Men** spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.
**Grafting Wkshop** with UC horticulturist Martin Grantham. Learn the proper methods for bud grafting, and other grafting techniques. 1-4 pm, $12. Space limited, pre-register by sending check payable to Friends of the Botanical Garden, UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley, 94720, attn Propagation. Info: 642-3343.
**SF PFLAG** (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 2-4 pm (enter thru the side gate) at St Francis Lutheran Church, Church & Market, SF; for monthly mtg & sharing. All lesbian & gay community members are welcome. Info/Helpline: 921-8850.
**BACW/Marin Ice Skating:** Join Bay Area Career Women/Marin for a skating, shopping, hot chocolate & lots of fun! At the Redwood Empire Ice Skating Arena. Both experienced & novice skaters are welcome. $5 admission, $1.50 skate rental. $2 BACW reservation fee. Meet 3 pm at the arena or 2 pm at Nave Lanes Bowl in Novato for carpool. Dinner follows at Cafe Portofino in Santa Rosa (for those who can still walk). Call Janice 383-6737 for info/directions.
**"Being 60+ in the 90's"** is the topic at tonight's potluck supper spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Facilitated by Shevy Healey. 3-6 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
**Bookparty at Mama Bears:** Author Pat Hunckle reads & signs copies of her book, *Tish Sommers, Activist, & the Founding of the Older Women's League*. 3 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
**Old First Concerts** series continues with Dawn Foster-Dodson, cello; Maria Tamburino, flute; Rufus Olivier, bassoon & Miles Graber, piano; in a program of works by Mozart, Martinu & Schubert. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Sacramento & Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 474-1608.
**Men's Night Out:** Tea Dance at the I-Beam. Rendezvous at 4:30 pm at Achilles Heel Bar, 1601 Haight St at Clayton, SF for drinks before proceeding over to the I-Beam (1748 Haight St, 668-6006) around 5:30 pm. $5 cover. Dress in layers, it gets hot. Info: John 775-JOYS.
**Aikido Demo & Open House:** at Aikido Arts Center, 670 South Van Ness Ave at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome! 5-7 pm, $2 donation. Info: Jamie Zimron, 4th degree Black Belt, 285-2388.
**MusicSources presents** Anner Bylsma on Bach—the celebrated Dutch baroque cellist gives a lecture/demo where he performs & discusses two of the unaccompanied Bach cello suites, #4 in E flat and #6 in D major. 5 pm, $15 gen'l, $12 srs & stdnts. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info: (510) 528-1685.
**Jazz at Labodega** Restaurant with Cathi Walkup and *Walkup & Backup*. 7-9 pm, no cover. 1357 Grant St, SF. Info: 433-0439.
**At A Different Light** Bookstore: Writer Scott H, known for mixing camp humor, gothic horror, family-style sentimentality & hardcore porn in the same text—reads from his work in progress. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
**Mexican Video Night** at La Pena Cultural Center: See films about Mexican autoworkers, get update on the struggle of the Green Giant workers in Watsonville. Spons by the Labor Video Project. 7:30 pm, $3-5. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
**Funny Gay Males at Josie's**—Final performance! See 1/7 listing for details.

## JAN 13 / MON

**Fall in Love with Guitar Class:** 8-wk classes. 6:30-8 pm for the beyond beginners, "I know a little" folks; 8-9:30 pm intermediate class. $160/$145 if registered by 1/4. Classes limited to 5 students. Emphasis on acoustic folk, rock, pop, blues & jazz songs. Build technique, theory, confidence & fun into your repertoire. Taught by songwriter/performer/teacher Judith KAte Friedman. Central SF location. Info: 824-KATE.
**Reading/Talking Women Group** spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF. Potluck supper, discussion of S Elgin's *The Judas Rose*. Info: 626-7000.
**Bi-Friendly SF** meets tonight for food, drink & conversation—see 1/6 listing for details.
**Gay Comedy Open Mike** at Josie's Cabaret: Emcee Danny Williams. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 8 pm, $4. Info: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.
**BATS (Bay Area Theatresports)** at ACT Playroom—see 1/6 listing for details.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**"Mother Wove the Morning"—held over thru Jan. 25. OnStage has info.**

## JAN 14 / TUE

**"The Role of Women in the Black** Panther Party," a talk by Erica Huggins. Huggins was a member of the Black Panther Party from 1967-81 & spent 2 years in prison for conspiracy after the FBI killed her husband John Huggins. At present, she is the director of Crossings, a Shanti Project program which serves poor people with AIDS in the Tenderloin, Mission & South of Market neighborhoods. Come hear this dynamic & inspiring woman discuss her experiences & the women who were the backbone of the Black Panther Party. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr and the Dr Martin Luther King Jr Commemoration Committee. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.
**Lavender Lounge** TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls airs 1:30 pm on cable channel 25. Show title: "Suburban Nightmare." Hotline: 337-4921.
**Writing Wkshop for Women**: Facilitated by writer/editor Suzanne Sherman. 6-wk class, $100, begins mid-Jan. All skill levels welcome. Focus on developing imaginative skills & generating material thru inspirational in-class exercises & optional take-home "assignments," and goal-setting. Tues evenings. Info/reg: 530-7559.
**Beginning Acoustic Guitar** Class: Offered 6-7:30 pm for beginners, and at 7:30-9 pm for the "I know a little more" folks. 8-wk classes with songwriter/performer/teacher Judith Kate Friedman. Limited to 5 students. Central SF location. $160/$145 if registered by 1/4. Info: 824-KATE.
***Bi-Friendly Theatre Outing*—**Today's the deadline to reserve your tix for the 1/18 show, "Windows & Mirrors: The Actor's Life for Me!" at Phoenix Theatre, call John 775-5697 for res/info. Tix $10.
**See *Wild Wheels*** and *Grandma's Bottle Village* at UC Theatre in Berkeley. See 1/9 listing for details.
**Nordic Funny Bunnies:** Women's X-Country SKi Group meets 7:30 pm at the Coffee Mill in Oakland. Come plan day, weekend and mid-week trips. All styles & levels welcome! Info: (510) 601-1910.
**Foggy City Dancers**, gay & lesbian square dancing group, gives free intro classes at Live Oak School. Classes begin 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28. 7:30-9 pm. 117 Diamond St, SF. Info: 863-8033.
**Divianna at Josie's Cabaret:** Solo sex performer Divianna Ingravallo prsents an eve of erotic entertainment to celebrate the premiere of her new movie, *Steal America* (opens at SF's Lumiere on 1/17). Divianna reads from & dramatizes a selection of her short stories, including her latest from the Jan issue of *On Our Backs*. She also performs excerpts from longer works, including "Naked Women," a multimedia piece written in collaboration with Tracy Mostovoy, a dramatization of the social evolution of the sex worker from goddess to whore. 8 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
**At DNA Lounge:** *Stereo Taxic Device* and *The Exorcist*. 9 pm, $3. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

## JAN 15 / WED

**Assertiveness Training** for Women: 5 Wed (1/15, 22, 29; & 2/5, 12). Noon-1 pm, $35-$55 SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Learn skills that help you communicate with power, not aggression. Gain self-confidence, improve your relationships. Led by Joanne Martin Braun. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.
**"Life, Legacy & Vision,"** UCSF celebrates the inspiration & dream of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr with a presentation by Rev Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church. Noon-1 pm, free. Health Sciences Bldg West, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room 300. Info: 476-4394.
**Bi-Friendly UC** Support Group/Social tonight—see 1/8 listing for details.
**BACW Games Night & Potluck:** Today's the deadline for reservations for this Bay Area Career Women/Marin event (limited to 18 women), which takes place on 1/18. Call Katherine 456-4482 for details.
**Everything You Always Wanted** to Know About Sexworkers but Didn't Know Who to Ask: Panel discussion at the Women's Bldg featuring porn star Nina Hartley and Whorezine editor Vic St Blaise with erotic writer Carol Queen as moderator. 7-9 pm, $8 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit COYOTE (Call Off Your Tired Old Ethics), a sexworkers' rights group, and SF NOW Sexworker & Pornography Taskforce. 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: 567-7833.
**At ClaireLight Women's Books:** "Clear Seeing," a workshop exploring the power of intuition as a tool in you daily life. Led by Clara Rosemarda, intuition counselor & teacher. 7 pm, $5-8 SL. Please bring your own pillow & cushion. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
***"Sex Is..."*** Benefit at Josie's Cabaret: Performer extraordinaire Miss X ("Vegas in Space"), the exceptional Madame X ("Miss Safe Sex 1991"), Justin Bond ("Waiting for Godette"), comic Marga Gomez, singer Elvis Herselvis, porn critic Mark Finch, Z Collective members Rick Hickman & David Dower, performance artist Wayne Corbitt ("Gospel According to Wayne"), *SF Bay Times* columnist & author Bo Huston, and dance duo Artauro Fernandez & Ney Fonseca team up in an all-star extravaganza to benefit the upcoming documentary, "Sex Is... ", the latest project from award-winning filmmaker Marc Heustis, dealing with gay male sexuality in the age of AIDS. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
**Poetry at Cody's** with Sam Hamill & Jane Hirschfield. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
**At the I-Beam:** *Fuzz Factor* and *Clockbrains*. 10 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

## JAN 16 / THU

**Rainbow's End** lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
**No Calif Coalition for Lesbian**, Gay & Bisexual Equality/Southern Alameda County Committee holds a meeting tonight on the lesbian/gay/bisexual rights initiative, and how to organize South County to get signatures for the petition. 7 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 C Street, corner of Mission & C, Hayward.
**At Gaia Bookstore:** Author/storyteller Gertrud Mueller Nelson discusses her book, *Here All Dwell Free: Stories to Heal the Wounded Feminine*. 7 pm, $3, free with book purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.
***Wild Wheels*** & *Grandma's Bottle Village* at the Roxie Cinema, SF. See 1/9 listing for details.
**Rounds Singing for Women** Class—see 1/9 listing for details.
**The Gulf War One Year Later:** Renewing Our Resistance—a commemoration of "the anniversary of the slaughter in Iraq with a reminder that the death continues, and with it, our responsibility." 6 pm candlelight vigil at Sproul Plaza, with


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**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic: "The Medical Is Political," with Kate O'Hanlan, MD. Discuss the politics behind women's health care. 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

**"The Bisexual Community:** Where We Are Going," a forum spons by Bay Area Bisexual Network. 7:30-9:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin, SF. Info: 564-BABN.

**Benefit Concert with *Rebel Voices*,** a Seattle women's trio, at La Pena Cultural Center. Singing for social change, with music from around the world. Also raffle. 7:30 pm, $6-15. Proceeds benefit the National Lawyers Guild Demonstrations Committee, which provides legal support & representation to activists. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

**Sephardic Jews Video Series** at SFJCC: See Esther Mizrahi Weissman's video documentaries on the history & rituals of the Sephardi Jews, *We Are Sephardim* and *My Family Came from Rhodes*. 7:30 pm at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. $6. Info: 346-6040.

**Danny Williams in "1970"** at Josie's Cabaret: Bay Area funnyman Williams performs his one-man play, a journey thru his strict fundamentalist childhood to the year that changed his life—1970, a year in which he went from being a good little boy to tripping on LSD in his dorm, going to a gay bar, and ending up as a hustler on Polk Street. Funny, sad, enlightening & familiar tale. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/26, with added 10 pm shows on 1/17 & 24. Tix $10.

3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

**Kodo, Japanese Taiko** Drummers in concert at Stanford University's Memorial Auditorium at 8 pm. Tix $25, $23, $21 & $19. $3 stdnt discount. Info/res: 725-ARTS.

**At Old Wives Tales:** Author/editor Evelyn Torton Beck discusses her classic book, *Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology* and reads from new work at Old Wives Tales. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

**At the I-Beam:** Roberta Donnay & *The Rhythm*, plus *The Doors Hotel*. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

# ON STAGE

**Wild Blue** by Joe Pintauro. A collection of short plays on gay themes. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Previews 1/9 & 10; opens 1/11 at 8 pm; runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm on 1/19 & 26 and 2/2. Special Sat eve performances at 5 pm on 1/18 & 25, 2/1 & 8. Tix $11-$20; $10-$11 previews. Info/res: 861-5070. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF.

**Angels & Steers**, written & performed by Chris Pray. Chris Pray joins with a homeless Republican, an ineffectual liberal and a homeless ex-convict to overcome his guilt and social apathy. They embark on a surrealistic adventure as they start the first Muslim Church of Jesus Cheeseburger—the religion the oil companies could not dismiss—and plot to take back the world. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/19. Tix $6-9 Thurs; $10 Fri & Sat; $8 Sun. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St nr 20th, SF. info/res: 641-0235.

**My Visits with MGM** (My Grandmother Marta) by Edit Villarreal. Touching drama, memory play about the bond between a rebellious grandmother who fled Mexico to the US in 1910, and her free-thinking granddaughter, who is trying to find her place between two cultures. San Jose Repertory Theatre production. Runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 5 & 9 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 2/8. Matinees on 2/5 & 6 at noon. Montgomery Theater, corner of Market & West San Carlos, San Jose. Info: (408) 291-2255.

**Man of La Mancha** by Dale Wasserman. Raul Julia and Sheena Easton star in this 25th anniversary production of the Broadway musical hit. Previews 1/7 at 8 pm & 1/8 at 2 & 8 pm; runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Wed matinees at 2 pm, thru 2/2. Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market St at Hyde, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

**Grand Hotel**, the Tony Award-winning hit musical directed & choreographed by Tommy Tune. Set in 1928 Berlin, this re-creation of the bestselling novel is about power & poverty, ballrooms & boardrooms, scandal & romance, suspense & survival. Previews 1/21 at 8 pm & 1/22 at 2 pm; runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, with Wed matinees at 2 pm, thru 2/16. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

**McTeague: A Tale of San Francisco** adapted by Neal Bell from the Frank Norris novel chronicling turn-of-the-century life in the Bay Area. A tale of obsession & corruption, capturing the brutal vitality of the West still reeling from the excesses of the California Gold Rush. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Previews 1/10, 11, 12 & 14; opens 1/15; runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm thru 2/27. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 1/18, 2/1 & 15; Sun matinees at 2 pm on 1/23, 2/6 & 20. Tix $18 previews; $29 opening; $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun; $29 Fri & Sat; $21 matinees. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St at Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

**The Piano Lesson** by August Wilson. Pulitzer Prize-winning play, the fourth play in a cycle dramatizing & examining aspects of the African American experience in 20th century America. ACT production. Runs 1/3 at 8 pm; 1/4 at 2 & 8 pm; 1/5 at 3 & 8 pm. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF. For tix info/res: 433-9500.

**Jim Bailey,** internationally acclaimed illusionist, brings new show to the Plush Room at the York Hotel for a series of shows, thru 1/12. 940 Sutter St, SF. Info/tix: 885-6800.

**Elbows Akimbo performs "The Assassination and Discrediting of John Fitzgerald Kennedy as performed by Members of the Millionaires Club at The Bohemian Grove Under the Direction of Joseph Campbell."**

**Fat Men in Skirts** by RA White. Play follows the trials of Phyllis, the wife of a Hollywood producer who specializes in futuristic tales involving loveable aliens, and her young son Bishop, plane-wrecked alone on a desert island with nothing to eat but the other passengers. Magic Theatre Northside production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 1/26 at Magic Theatre-Northside, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-$21. Info/res: 441-8822.

**Mother Wove the Morning** one-woman show by author/performer Lynn Pearson. Lynn portrays 16 historical women in search of the Mother Goddess, lost across time as men have appropriated & transformed the Diety into a male figure. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 1/25 at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $19. Info/res: 861-8972.

**City of Angels** Tony Award-winning musical by Larry Gelbart, music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by David Zippel. A glamorous & romantic detective story, filled with intrigue, deception & sensuality, set in 1940's Los Angeles. Barry & Fran Weissler production at Golden Gate Theatre. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, thru 1/5. Tix $42-$20, call 441-0919 or 762-BASS for info. 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF.

**Say It With Music**, Michael Feinstein & Rosemary Clooney combine their talents in a concert run at the Curran Theatre, SF. Runs Tues-Sat with Sun matinees thru 1/5. For showtimes, tix & other info call 762-BASS or 441-0919.

**Taking Steps** by Alan Ayckbourn. Rollicking marathon of mistaken identities, musical beds & unwitting intimacies. ACT production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm; 2 pm matinee on Wed & Sat, 3 pm matinee on Sun; thru 1/25. Tix: $10-$26 wknights; $11-$33 wkends.

Stage Door Theater, 420 Mason St at Geary, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.

**Love & Anger** by George F Walker. This comic attack on power & its abuses pits the "reborn" attorney Petie Maxwell against the powerful publisher of a "fascist rag." Actors Theatre production. Previews 1/10-12, 14-16 at 8 pm; $6. Opening night gala 1/17 at 8 pm, $30; play runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/8 at 8 pm, $12. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

**Nightdreams** by Steve Merritt. A high-tech rock musical extravaganza. Musical follows a young man thru a sleepless night as he examines his life's choices & relationships. Rockafellas, Inc production. Previews 1/2-7, opens 1/8 at 8 pm, runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, 6 & 9:30 pm Sat, 2:30 & 7 pm Sun, thru 1/26. Preview tix $15, reg tix $15-34. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 771-6900.

**The Three Faces of Josh**, three comic monologues by Josh Kornbluth, in repertory at Life on the Water Theater. "Haiku Tunnel" on Thurs & Fri at 8 pm; "The Moisture Seekers" on Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm; "Josh Kornbluth's Daily World," Sun at 2 pm; 1/9-2/2. Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Tix $12-17. Info/res: 776-8999.

**The Gospel According to Wayne/Waves of Gravity & Time**, solo performance by Wayne Corbitt. A contemporary sermon performed in the African American pentecostal tradition served from the left, and infused with Corbitt's engaging personal history, integrity, humor & revelations. Play runs every Sat in Jan (1/4, 11, 18 & 25) at 10:30 pm at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 641-0235.

**The Way Things Are Put Together**, an eve of music, dance, bilingual narration & layered texts about myth, war, sex and suicide, produced by Giraffe Productions of Benicia. 1/10 & 11 at Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th at Folsom, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 626-3435.

**Sleep Tight**, an evening of magic, video & deranged comedy devised & performed by Laughing Moon Theatre. Thurs-Sun, 1/16-2/9 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 626-9196.

**The Assassination & Discrediting of John Fitzgerald Kennedy as Performed by Members of the Millionaires Club at the Bohemian Grove under the direction of Joseph Campbell**, a deconstructionist adaptation of Peter Weiss' classic & controversial play "Marat/Sade." Presented by Elbows Akimbo Co. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, 1/9-2/1. Tix $8 Wed, $12 Thurs & Sun $14 Fri & Sat. Eureka Theatre, 2730 16th St at Harrison, SF. Info/res: 558-9898.

**Recesses** by Julie Regan. Darkly metaphorical piece about four young schoolgirls whose lives vacillate between their imaginations & their real world, confined to a suburban playground built on landfill. A series of ritualistic games lead to the symbolic sacrifice of one child's vision. Intersection production. Previews 1/2 & 3 at 6 pm; opens 1/4 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sun thru 1/19 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

**Invisible Site: A Virtual Sho**, a music-theater work presented by George Coates Performance Work. The cast guides the audience on the journey of a young couple who connect their spinal cords to a digitized data bank in a futuristic virtual reality game. The game goes astray as they become archetypal exiles from Greek & Elizabethan tragedy & the world stage. Previews Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 1/19; opens 1/22, runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm. Preview tix $10-25. Performance Works, 110 McAllister St, SF. Info/res: 863-4130.

# GALLERIES

**On Exhibit at the de Young:** "Lace in the Age of the Machine," thru 2/23/92. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm (open till 8:45 pm first Wed of each month, free admission). Fee: $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youths, kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

**Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor:** Lincoln Park, off 34th Ave & Clement St, SF. Hrs. Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youths, kids under 12 are free. Admission free for everyone first Sat morning of month, 10 am-noon & all day first Wed of month. Info: 750-3614.

**Asian Art Museum:** Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm, and until 8:45 pm every 1st Wed of the month. Admission free on 1st Wed & 1st Sat mornings. Reg admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youth, kids under 12 are free. Info: 751-2500.

**The Jewish Museum of SF:** 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sun, 10 am-5 pm; Wed 10 am-8:30 pm; Fri 10 am-4 pm. Closed Sat & Mon. Admission free. Info: 543-8880.

**Judah L Magnes Museum:** Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

**Ansel Adams Center:** "Survivors: A New Vision of Endangered Wildlife," photos by James Balog, of some of the world's rarest species currently threatened with extinction; on exhibit thru 2/23. "Zeke Berman: Optiks" exhibit of Berman's photos exploring a world of visual invention influenced by scientific theory; thru 3/8. "Parmelian Prints" by Ansel Adams, a series of images detailing a

vital but relatively unsung aspect of Adams' photography; thru 2/16. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

**New Langton Arts**: "Butter Wouldn't Melt in My Mouth," a photo/text installation by Nancy Barton & Mike Glass. Exhibit runs thru 1/25. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

**Art Lick Gallery:** 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.

**ATA Gallery:** Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Hrs: Sat 11:30 am-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 824-3890.

**Galeria Museo**, Mission Cultural Center: 2868 Mission St, btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Info: 821-1155.

**SF Craft & Folk Art Museum:** "Many Mansions," an exhibit of works by over 20 artists that transforms the premise of the dwelling, presenting the viewer with a fresh view of structures as artistic statements. Exhibit runs 1/4-2/22, opening reception 1/7, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

**Richmond Art Ctr:** "Acknowledging Our Host: Communal Sources," works by Dennis Olanzo Callwood, Dewey Crumpler, George Longfish, Ulysses Jenkins, Jean LaMarr & Frank Tuttle, thru 2/9. Hrs: 9:30 am-4:30 pm Tues-Fri, noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Wheelchair accessible. Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

**University Art Museum**: "A Profile of the 17th Century: Prints from van Dyck's 'Iconography,' " on exhibit thru 2/9. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

**NIAD Gallery**: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

**Vision Gallery:** Vintage photographs by pictorialist photographer A Aubrey Bodine. Thru 1/11. 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.

**Pro Arts Gallery:** Paintings by Anita Lappi, mixed media works by Katrien Maenhaut & an installation by Ed Osborn; on exhibit 1/15-2/15. Reception 1/16, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: (510) 763-4361. WA (Wheelchair Accessible).

**The Lab Gallery:** "Moral Tales," an installation by visual artist Rene Yung. An exploration of the codification of incidental & personal hybrid myths into rigid societal mores. Exhibit proposes that cultural identity is stronger & more pervasive than political ideology. Runs 1/8-2/8, opening reception 1/8, 5:30-7:30 pm. Artist's talk on 1/18 at 3 pm; refreshments served following the talk, in honor of Chinese New Year. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

**Turn of the Century Fine Arts:** Paintings & monoprints by Sono Osato, on exhibit thru 1/11. Hrs: Tues-Thurs 11 am-5 pm; Fri-Sat 11 am-6 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-0950.

**Wilcox Gallery:** Paintings by David Simpson, drawings by Gabrielle Bakker, on exhibit 1/9-2/15, opening reception 1/9, 5:30-7:30 pm. 228 Grant Ave, SF.

**Asian Erotic Exhibit** of antique Chinese, Japanese, Indian & contemporary Hawaiian erotic art from the collection of Terry Guthrie, 1/7-3/7 at Good Vibrations. Collector's reception 1/10, 7-9 pm. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Hrs: noon-6 pm daily, Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 550-7399.

**Abstract Renderings** by Lynette Parker. Thru 1/31. Cafe?, 2885 Diamond St, SF.

**Art of the Grateful Dead:** Exhibit of paintings, prints, photos, posters, jewelry & sculpture; thru 2/28. Artrock Gallery, 1153 Misson St, SF. Info: 255-7390.

**"Faces: Memories of the Future,"** paintings by Miquel Creus on exhibit at eddie jacks, 1151 Folsom St, SF. Thru 1/11.

**Calif Society of Printmakers** 1991 Membership Show: Thru 1/19 at Berkeley Art Center Gallery, 1275 Walnut St, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Thurs-Sun. Info: (510) 537-9773.

**Joan Landsberg: Paintings** on exhibit at KBBK Studios. 1/10-2/8. Artist's reception 1/12, 2-5 pm. 465 Broderick at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 3-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

**"Love & Death,"** exhibit of works by several artists exploring themes of old age and ageism, sexism, & sexuality. 1/7-2/8, opening reception 1/7, 5:30-7:30 pm. Ghia Gallery, 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

**New Paintings** by SF artist Bruce Lauritzen on exhibit 1/12-2/21 in the Faculty Club Galleries at Stanford University. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm; Sat & Sun 1-6 pm. Info: 321-3149 or 512-0709.

# RESOURCE GUIDE

## AIDS RESOURCES

**ACT UP/SF** meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

**ACT-UP/Golden Gate** meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

**ACT-UP Eastbay** meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510),836-4401.

**New Friends:** a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

**AIDS/HIV Nightline:** Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

**AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH:** the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

**The City of Berkeley** offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (501) 644-8571 or (501) 601-8282 on Thurs.

**AIDS Emergency Fund**: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

**Benefits Orientation** for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

**People with AIDS-SF:** sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

**Center for Positive Care** (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

**California Partner Study/UCSF** offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

**UCSF Coping Project** seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

**AIDS Care Study/UCSF** seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

**Women's Support Group:** open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

**Youth & Children's** Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

**BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives**: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

**Bay Area HIV Support** & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

**Rafiki Services Project** provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

**Marin AIDS Support** Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

**ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group** for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

**HIV+** Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

**HIV Dual Diagnosis Program** spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

**AIDS Health Project** offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

**Third World People with AIDS**/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

**SF Kaiser Permanente** Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

**Kaiser Oakland** offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

**Kaiser Movement & Exercise:** ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

**Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union** (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

**Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr:** an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

**SF AIDS Foundation** Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

**Face to Face/Sonoma County** AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

**The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund** for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

**Free Chiropractic Clinic** for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

**Project Open Hand** delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

**The Family Link** provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

**ARIS Project**: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

**Contra Costa County** AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

**Contra Costa County** AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

**San Mateo County AIDS Project:** spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

**AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF:** provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

**PAWS** (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

**SHARE** (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

**The Godfather Service Fund**: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

**The Rest Stop Support Center** is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

**Shanti Project** offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

**Ellipse**-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

**AIDS Interfaith** Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

**AIDS Interfaith Network** of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

**AIDS Interfaith of Marin**: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

**St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+** Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

**The Center:** provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

**Van Transportation Program** for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

**Interreligious Coalition** on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

**Kairos House**: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affectec by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops.


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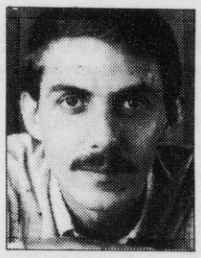

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**Multiple Loss Support Group** spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

**Day Group for Caregivers** spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

**Immune Enhancement Program** offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

**AIDS Project of the East Bay** sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

**Parents Support Group:** for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

**Parents & Family** Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

**Lovers, Friends, & Family** of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

**Project Inform:** Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

**Treatment Action Network** (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

**SF Public Library** for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

**Couples Group** for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

**Couples Support Group** spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

**Berkeley HIV + Support Group**: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

**HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups** spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

**HIV Positive Veterans**: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

**San Joaquin AIDS Foundation:** 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

**Home Care Wkshops:** 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

**Men's Couples Group:** focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

**Lovers, Family & Friends** of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

**AIDS Legal Referral Panel:** assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

**Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic** for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

**AIDS Legal Services** for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

**Shanti Project Residences:** Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

**Peter Claver Community** offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

**JFCS AIDS Project:** Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

**Emergency Health Fund** spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

**GAPA Community HIV Project**: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

**Group for Gay Asian** & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

**Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV** for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

**Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr:** the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

**The Healing Circle**: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

**Food for Thought**: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

**Gay Rescue Mission** operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

**HIV Negative Support Groups**: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

**Soul Ventures**: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

**The Living Room** (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

**Community Spirit Art Program** (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

**STOP AIDS** Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

**Healing Alternatives Foundation** (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

**Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns:** Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

**African-American Men** with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

**American Indian AIDS Institute:** Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

**AIDS-Vision Loss** Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

**In-Home Counseling Center** provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

**Federal Benefits Seminars:** twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

**Free Tax Assistance** to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

**Tai Chi Workout**: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

**Services for deaf** & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

## ► ADDICTION RECOVERY

**Iris Project** (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

**Women's Alcoholism Ctr** provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

**Smith House** detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

**Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr**: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

**Mills-Peninsula Hospital** Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

**Acceptance Place** provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

**Baker New Place** provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

**Secular Organizations for Sobriety** (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

**AJIRA** (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

**Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery:** For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

**STOP at SF General Hospital:** The Stimulant Treatment Outpatient Program offers help for people with cocaine dependencies. Nonjudgemental treatment includes five-days-a-week group counseling. 12-week commitment required. Program includes the optional use of medication as part of a research project exploring the use of medication to reduce cocaine cravings & use. Call 821-8616 for info. First-time & longterm users are both eligible.

**Overcoming Violent Behavior** Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

**Self-Help Food Group** for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 826-9423.

**Men's Overeaters Anon** Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 776-1457.

**Drop-in Group** for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

**Fundamentalists Anonymous** support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

**Quit Smoking Clinic:** 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

**Gay Men's Recovery Program** incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

**Men's Sexual Addiction** 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

**Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion**: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

**Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts** Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

**Fem-Centered Lesbians** in Recovery meets monthly for support and fun. Call 863-8651 for location & other info.

**For More Listings** under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

## ► ARCHIVES

**The Gay & Lesbian Historical** Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

**Lesbian & Gay Books** & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

**Documentation of AIDS Issues** & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

## ► CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Pat Bond Memorial** Old Dyke Award: Pat Bond, beloved lesbian actress/comedian wh brough to life Gertrude Stein & Lorena Hickok, died Christmas Eve, 1990. The Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award has been established to honor older lesbians. Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE) and the Pat Bond Committee seeks nominations of lesbians over 60 whose contributions to the community have not been sufficiently acknowledged. Nominees must also live in SF, Marin, Alameda, Contra Costa, Sonoma, San Mateo or Santa Clara county; and be "out" lesbians, age 60 or over. Three $200 awards will be given. For forms/info write GLOE, 1853 Market St, SF 94103 or call Pat Durham, 626-7000. Deadline: 1/15/92.

**Lesbian Fiction Contest**: 2nd Annual Spinsters Book Company contest. $1000 prize. Quality, well-crafted fiction focusing on the lives of lesbians sought. Submissions must be postmarked no earlier than 1/2 and no later than 2/28. For contest rules write to: Spinsters Book Co, PO Box 410687, SF CA 94141. No phone calls.

**Still Indivisible:** The editors of *Indivisible: New Short Fiction by West Coast Gay & Lesbian Writers* seek submissions for a second volume of this successful anthology. Literary short fiction of the highest quality that refelcts the diversity of the West Coast in terms of gender, culture, politics & longitude are sought. Work by African American, Latino/a, Asian American and Native American writers is especially encouraged. Stories need not be gay or lesbian-themed, but should be excellently-written, and not published previously or under consideration elsewhere. Send 2 copies of no more than 3 stories, typed, double-spaced on 8½ x 11 white paper. Include a brief bio, and send SASE for a response. Send to: Terry Wolverton, 3359 Garden Ave, LA 90039. Deadline: 2/1.

**Sex Cabaret:** David Steinberg & Mark I. Chester, artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater for an evening series of pansexual multidisciplinary art including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art and sex-related slideshows of artwork. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

**Theatre Rhinoceros** is accepting submissions for a new theatre piece exploring gay & lesbian weddings. The focus of the piece is on the diverse ways gays choose to commemorate their unions, as opposed to their straight counterparts. Short scenes, monologues & songs exploring the subject from different angles are sought. The project is directed by Paul Sagan and will be workshopped in the Studio Theatre in spring of 1992. Send submissions to: Theatre Rhinoceros, The Wedding Project, 2926 16th St, SF CA 94103. For more info contact Doug Holsclaw 552-4100.

**1st Annual West Coast Lesbians Festival**, to be held 6/5-7, seeks workshop participants, craftswomen & general festival workers for this Malibu festival. For details call (510) 763-9228 or write: 279 Lester Ave #3, Oakl CA 94606.

## ► FUN & GAMES

**Victorian & Edwardian** Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

**Haas-Lilienthal House Tours**: noon-3:15 pm Wed, 11 am-4:15 pm Sun. Docent-led tours. The House has stood on Franklin Street since 1886. $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12 & under. Info: 441-3004.

**UC Botanical Gardens:** University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

**Lesbian Games Group**: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

## ► HEALTH

**PAP Tests at City Clinic:** also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

**Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr:** low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

**American College of Traditional** Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

**Lyon-Martin Women's Health** Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

**Lesbian Clinic** of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

**Women's Cancer Resource Ctr**: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

**Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic:** testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

**Berkeley Free Clinic** offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

**Planetree** Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

**Native American Health Ctr:** 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

## ► HOBBIES

**Hortiphiles:** a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

**Phoebe Snow Society**: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

**Gay Men's Sketch**: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

**Women's Sing-A-Long**: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

**Sacred Circle Dance**: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

**Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance** group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9487.

**Women Country Western Dancers:** Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

**Girl's Night Out**: Country Western Dancing Group meets Fridays for a night of "free popcorn, foxy females, and fabulous fun" at The Corral, 2140 Market St, SF. 9:30 pm. Call (510) 849-1801 for more info.

**Beam-In:** The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 8 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Leave name/number at 773-9389 or write Beam-In, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details.

**Genealogy Discussion Group** meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

**Sheep's Clothing**: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

**Bondage Buddies Group:** Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

**Gay Ham Group:** Lambda Radio Amateur Club, the Bay Area chapter of a nationwide group of Gay Hams, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning more about the hobby are welcome! For more info call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

## ► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

**Looking for a Job?** The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

**Disabled Job Seekers** Services at Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Employment counseling (focused on interview & self-marketing skills, resume & application writing) and job search support group offered. For details call Linda Greenberg 441-1980.

**SF Sex Information** Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

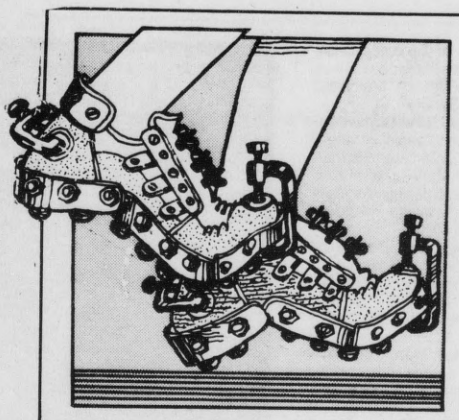
**Battered Lesbian** 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

**San Mateo Battered Women's** Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

**Call CUAV** (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

**Gay Domestic Violence:** info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

**The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard** trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510)

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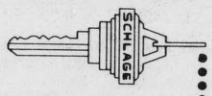


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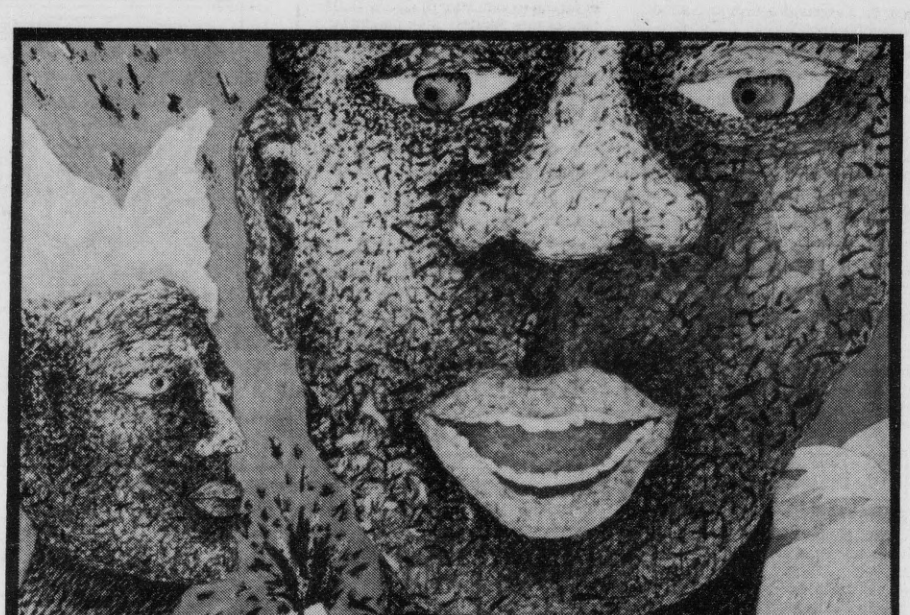
**AIDS Legal Referral Panel:** see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
**Poison Control Central:** 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
**SF Drug Line:** support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
**Discriminated Against** because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 252-2500.
**Emergency Food Box Program** provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.
**Renters: Learn Your Rights!** Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
**SF Tenants Union**: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
**Sentinel Fair Housing**: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
**ECHO Housing**, a fair housing agency in Alameda, offers services to Alameda residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees (contact the Rental Assistance Program, (510) 836-4826 in northern Alameda county, (510) 581-9380 in southern Alameda county), homeseeking program (call (510) 836-4826 countywide).
**Senior Information Line:** events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
**Telefaery**: Events Line of the Radical Faeries—Call 626-3369 for upcoming events & other info.
**Neighbors Driving You Crazy?** Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
**Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau**: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.
**SF Women Against Rape** provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
**Feminist Therapy Referral Project** has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.
**California Youth Crisis Line** provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
**Calif Lawyers for the Arts** (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
**The Calif Network** of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

## ► INCEST AND BATTERY

**Incest Survivor Groups:** both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.
**Support Group for Adult Men** Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
**Lesbian Partners of Sexual Abuse** Survivors: 12-Step Group. Thurs 7:30-8:45 pm at Bethany Methodist Church, Clipper & Sanchez St, SF.
**Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter:** Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
**Overcoming Violent Behavior** Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
**Support Group for Men** who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
**Support Group for Lesbians** who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
**Formerly Battered Women**: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.
**Battered Lesbian Outreach:** offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
**San Mateo Battered Women's** Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.
**Battered Lesbian** 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
**La Casa de las Madres** provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
**Rosalie House's** offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
**For more listings** under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

## ► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

**Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group**, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.
**Prospective Queer Parents** Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
**Lesbian Moms** of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
**Southbay Gay Parents:** an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
**Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption?** Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
**Adoption Support Groups** for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
**Chain of Life**: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
**NOCIRC** (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
**Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program** offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
**Childbirth Education** for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.



**Paintings by Joan Landsberg at KBBK Studios; exhibit opens Jan. 10. Galleries has details.**

**Be sure to check** the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

## ► PEOPLE OF COLOR

**Black & White Men Together** Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
**United Colors of Queer Nation:** Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
**Bisexual People of Color** Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
**Lesbians of Color/**Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
**Zebra Brigade**: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
**African American lesbians 40+**: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
**Ache**: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
**Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch** Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
**Third World People with AIDS**/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
**Asian/Pacific** HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
**AIDS/HIV Info Group** for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
**Gay Asian Rap Group** in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
**CASA**: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A grassroots social & community action organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-6 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
**Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian** Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
**GELAAM:** Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
**Chinese Lesbian Social Group**: for info call 826-2455.
**Chinese Gay Group** meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.
**Asian Pacifica Sisters** (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.
**Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean?** Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
**Asian & Pacific Islander** Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
**Black Gay & Bisexual** Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
**Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance** (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
**African-American Men** dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
**African-American Women** with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
**Lesbians of Color** sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
**Motorcycle Club** for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
**Artists of Color Open Mike Night** at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
**Free Mental Health Services** for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
**ALBWN & ALGBN:** Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.
**Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch** group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.

## ► PERFORMANCE ARTS

**Mothertongue Feminist Theater** Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
**Community Spirit Art Program** (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
**Community Women's Orchestra:** amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.
**Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble** welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.
**Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts**: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
**VOICES**: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
**Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF** invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
**The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers** encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
**Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle:** Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
**Jazz Matriarchy**: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.
**STBS**, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
**GAWK** (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
**Lesbian Visual Artists**: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
**Fat Lip Readers Theatre**: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
**Queer Guitar Players:** Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.

## ► POLITICAL

**LABIA** (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.
**United Colors of Queer Nation**: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.
**Outrage!** San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.
**Feminists for Animal Rights** welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
**Gay & Lesbian Alliance** Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588, 861-4893 (fax) or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. Gen'l mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.
**BiPol:** bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
**UBIQUITOUS** (Uppity Bi Queers United In Their Overtly Unconventional Sexuality): A group of bisexual queers dedicated to promoting bi visibility & understanding within the queer community, working together with lesbian & gay activists in the fight against heterosexism & building a bisexual community. Call Adam 861-7520 or Chrstine 861-0305 for mtg times/places.
**Lesbian Agenda for Action:** (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
**Lesbian Uprising!** A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.
**War Tax Resistors** Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
**Berkeley Women in Black:** We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
**Veterans CARE** (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
**Lavender SIG** (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF

94121-0074.
**Int'l Wages for Housework** Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.
**White Lesbians Against Racism**: Group provides a peer education forum to confront racial stereotypes & racism in ourselves & in the white community. Group creates space for developing a white racial identity; challenges racial stereotypes thru self-education; makes connections btwn racism, homophobia, classism, sexism & anti-semitism. Info: Yvette 584-5979.
**Pallas Athena Network**: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
**Jerry Brown for President** Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.

## ► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

**Golden Gate Business Association** (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
**Brava! For Women** in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
**Federal Lesbians & Gays** (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.
**Gay/Lesbian** Organization of Videomakers (G/LOV): Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

## ► SENIORS

**Operation Concern's GLOE** (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
**Senior Information Line:**—see Hotlines & Referrals.

## ► SOCIAL GROUPS

**Girth & Mirth Club** of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
**Men's Associated Exchange** (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
**UCGALA** (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
**Cal Poly GALA** (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
**BFSF** (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
**Bi-Friendly UC**: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
**Bi-Friendly Eastbay** meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.
**Bi-Friendly South Bay** (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.
**Bi-Friendly Sonoma County:** bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
**Fremont Men** Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 656-1383.
**Berkeley Flats Dykes** (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
**Lake Merritt Neighborhood** Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
**Tri-City Area Lesbians**: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
**Eastbay Lesbian Couples** Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
**Couples/SF Bay Area** Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
**Lesbian Lunch Brunch:** A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.
**Women Over 50** Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
**Latin American Lesbian** Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.
**CASA** (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.
**Chinese lesbian group** meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.
**Chinese gay group** meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.
**Zebra Brigade** Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980.
**Soul Ventures** social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
**Die naechsten Potluckparty** des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
**Russian Group**: Ruscophiles with a sincere desire to speak Russian meet for social Russian conversation & potluck on the 2nd Fri of each month, at 8 pm. Leave name & number at 773-9389 or write SF Ruscophiles, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details. All levels welcome.
**Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch** Group, see People of Color.
**Bridging the Gap Alliance**: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

## ► SPIRITUALITY

**Shabbat Services** with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
**Temple Israel of Alameda**: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.
**Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals** & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
**Gay Buddhist Fraternity:** Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
**Feminist Women's Circle** meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
**Sunday's Women** gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
**Crossroads:** Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.
**Women's Circle Network**: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
**St Marks Lutheran Church** Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
**Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle** comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
**St Paul's Lutheran Church**: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
**Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry**: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
**Creating Our Sacred Space**: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
**Acceptance: Baptist** Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
**American Baptists Concerned:** a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
**Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church** (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
**Bethany United Methodist Church:** Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
**Montclair Presbyterian Church** welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
**Lutherans Concerned/SF**: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
**Christian Women's** Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
**Metropolitan Community Church** (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
**Golden Gate MCC** Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
**New Life MCC** Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
**MCC of San Lorenzo** meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
**Diablo Valley MCC** Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
**MCC Santa Rosa** meets 11 am at 3632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**ROBERT ORNSTEIN** Jan. 6, Monday. 8:00 P.M.
Psychologist Robert Ornstein, author of *The Psychology of Consciousness*, will discuss his new book, *The Evolution of Consciousness: Darwin, Freud, and Cranial Fire—The Origins of the Way We Think*. The human mind, says Ornstein, evolved to cope with a primitive world and tribal imperatives that no longer exist. Its key trait is the ability to adapt, but without conscious effort, humans may not be able to cope with the survival issues of our time, crises which are long-term, global and collective, not immediate and personal.

**VALERIE MINER** Jan. 7, Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Valerie Miner, author of *Blood Sisters*, will read from her latest work, *Rumors from the Cauldron: Selected Essays, Reviews, and Reportage*, a collection chronicling the evolution of the women's and antiwar movements from 1960's to the present. Miner explores her own development as a feminist writer and brings a sensitive critical eye to the work of a wide multicultural range of women novelists and poets.

**ZSUZSANNA E. BUDAPEST** Jan. 9, Thursday. 8:00 PM.
Zsuzsanna E. Budapest, author of *The Grandmother of Time* and founding mother of the contemporary women's Dianic mysteries spiritual tradition, will discuss her new book, *Grandmother Moon: Lunar Magic in Our Lives: Spells, Rituals, Goddesses, Legends and Emotions Under the Moon. Grandmother Moon* is a compendium of practical and entertaining lunar lore, from ancient moon-based rituals to lunar cycle diet tips. "This book pleases and enchants while it instructs..."—Kate Millet, author of *Sexual Politics*.

**ANN CHARTERS** Jan. 14, Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Ann Charters, biographer of Jack Kerouac, edited his *Scattered Poems*, and compiled the first pictorial history of the Beats, *Scenes Along the Road*, has created a new anthology, *The Portable Beat Reader*. Charters pays particular attention to the interconnectedness of the various literary circles and the vigorous cross-fertilization between the writers. This is the best literary anthology to date of the most important writers associated with the Beat Generation literary movement, from 1945 to the present.

**CATHERINE MACKINNON** Jan. 16, Thursday. 8:00 P.M.
Law professor Catherine Mackinnon, author of *Sexual Harassment of Working Women, Feminism Unmodified*, and *Toward a Feminist Theory of the State*, will discuss some of the themes and issues central to her work. Catherine Mackinnon is one of the major intellectual forces in contemporary American Feminism. Her main points of focus have been sexual harassment and organizing against pornography.

**CHIN-NING CHU** Jan. 21, Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.
Chin-ning Chu, creator and president of Asian Consultants, Inc. and author of *The Chinese Mind Game*, will discuss her new book, *The Asian Mind Game: Unlocking the Hidden Agenda of the Asian Business Culture*. Asians view the marketplace as a battlefield with rules and secret strategic maneuvers that have been a part of their lives for thousands of years. *The Asian Mind Game* explores the Asian psyche, and how it manifests in business, politics, life and battle.

If you cannot attend, please call (510) 845-7852 to reserve an autographed copy.

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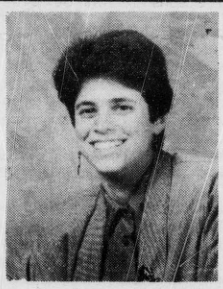
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**Russian River MCC** Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

**Evangelicals Concerned-SF**: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

**Showers of Blessing** Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

**Hosanna Church of Praise,** a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

**Prince of Peace Community Church** of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

**Agape Christian Fellowship:** Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.

**St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic** Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

**Trinity Episcopal Church:** traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

**Integrity SBA:** Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

**Women-in-Integrity**: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

**The Parsonage,** an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

**Integrity/El Camino Real:** Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

**Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons**. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

**Unitarian Universalists** for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

**Most Holy Redeemer** Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

**GALOC** (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

**Avatar Meher Baba:** gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

**Peace United Church:** Creative Christian community, politically aware, justice-oriented. 50 percent women ministers. Lesbian, gay & straight families are welcome. 5 pm Sundays, Oakland Avenue at Monte Vista in Oaklands. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.

**GLAD Alliance** (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

**The Church of Amron**, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

**First Congregational Church**, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

**World Peace/Inner Peace:** Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

**Tayu Center**, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

**Emerge!**, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

**First Church of Religious Science** of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

**Gay Religious Science Practitioner** in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

**Golden Gate Institute** of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.

**Spiritual Arts Church** of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

**California Miracles Ctr:** Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: (510) 621-2556.

**Gay Clergy Support Group:** For gay religious & clergy in the Bay Area. Info: Brother Jonathan 584-1034 8-10 am, or pm.

## ► SPORTS

**Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes** interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

**SF Frontrunners** is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Tues at 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg, Market St & Embarcadero, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 9 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.

**Eastbay Frontrunners Club** sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

**Baylands Frontrunners Club** for Southbay runners. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

**SF Hiking Club:** join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.

**Gay/Lesbian Sierrans**: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5 monthly calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

**SAGA North**: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.

**Pacific Assoc of Women Martial** Artists (PAWMA) promotes martial arts trainig for women. Dedicated to improving the physical, mental & spiritual development of women martial artists in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Supports access to schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances, training camps & more. Info: (510) 664-7034 or write: PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley, CA 94701-12861.

**Golden Gate Wrestling Club** holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

**SF Wrestling Club**: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

**Motorcycle Club** for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

**Dyke Diver** offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

**Sea Snakes**: SF's Gay Scuba Club. Monthly mtgs. Dive trips to Monterey, scuba certification classes, social events & exotic dive trips. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

**SF Tsunami**: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 221-9632 or Ken 621-2778.

**Premier Soccer:** Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

**Women's Soccer Team**: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

**Men's Touch Football Group** meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.

**Stonewall Climbers:** Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

**Gay Tennis Federation:** A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.

**X-TA-C** Gay & Lesbian Cross Country Skiing Club: Sponsors one-day and weekend trips to various locations in Northern Calif. Potluck meetings held montly during ski season. All skiing levels are welcome. For details call 330-5485.

**Nordic Fun Bunnies**: Lesbian X-Country Ski Group. Day, weekend & midweek trips. All styles & abilties (track, backcountry, etc; from novice to Olympian) are welcome! Info: (510) 601-1910.

## ► SUPPORT GROUPS

**Loss, Grief & Recovery** support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

**Losing A Best Friend**: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

**Bay Area Bisexual Network:** umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

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**Bisexual Men's Support Group**: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.

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**Marin Bisexual Women's** Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.

**North County Bisexual Support Groups:** Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Coed group 2nd Fri of each month, women-only group 4th Fri of the month, both groups are in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990 or send SASE to Free By Choice, PO Box 111, Calpella CA 95418.

**Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous:** SF group, see Incest & Battery.

**Women's Cancer Support Groups:** spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

**Transvestites & Transsexuals** rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

**TV/TS & Friends** Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

**Female-to-Male** Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.

**Flikker Network**: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o Rene-Kadar, #634, PO Box 410-0990, SF CA 94141-0900.

**Lesbian Adoptees:** open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

**Adoptees, Birth Parents** & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

**Woman to Woman SM**: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

**Lesbians Supporting Lesbian S/M** in Sonoma County meets 1st Sun of each month. Call M (707) 525-9822 for more info.

**Leatherdykes** Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

**Lesbian EI Support Group:** East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

**Lesbian feminist artist support** group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.

**Graves' Disease** (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

**UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni** Assoc: see Social Groups

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**Support Group for Women** who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

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**Working Class Lesbian** discussion, writing, visual arts group. A space for working class lesbians to share experiences of growing up working class, develop strong working class identity, make links between classism and other oppressions. Info: Yvette 584-5979.

**MidLife Lesbian Support Group** meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

**Support Group for Battered Lesbians**, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

**Eating Disorder Support Group** for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details

**Hot Flashes,** support group for premenopausal and post-menopausal lesbians. Call Judith 431-8146 for details.

**For More Listings** in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

## ► THERAPY GROUPS

**Women's Institute for Mental Health:** low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

**Disabled Lesbian Group** for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

**Gay Men's Disabled Group:** are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

**Grief Group** for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

**Grief & Creativity:** 10-wk group for women wishing to explore unresolved grief issues. Spons by Children's Hospital of SF & Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. For more info call Martha Russell, LCSW, 750-6160; or Diane Spaugh, MSW, 923-3515.

**McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute** at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

**Berkeley Free Clinic** peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

**Free Mental Health Services** for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.

**Men—Have You Abused Your Lover?** Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

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## ► YOUTH

**Gay Area Youth Switchboard:** Call 386-GAYS.

**LYRIC** (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.

**"Jackson Street,"** meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by Lesbian/Gay/Bi Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.

**BAY** (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

**California Runaway Hotline** provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

**Rainbow's End:** Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

**Sexual Identity Forum** for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.


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# LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

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*Hole*

## 1991 Lounging About Awards

Well, looking back on the year, I thought some recognition was in order for certain individuals, and so I compiled some "awards" for 'em. So, moving from best to worst...

**Gimpy Amazon Award:** To Martina Navratilova for putting herself out there, though she loses points for suggesting in *The Advocate* that "gay women" don't get AIDS.

**Abseiling Lesbian Award:** To the dykes arrested for protesting the filming of *Basic Instinct*.

**Sensible Shoes (Not) Award:** To Supe. Angela Alioto for marching down Market Street to protest the AB101 veto—in heels!

**Caftan and Birkies (Not) Award:** To Supe. Carole Migden for her power wardrobe.

**Sisterhood Is Powerful Award:** To the National Lesbian Conference. 'Nuff said.

**Golden Closet Hanger Award:** A tie between Jodie Foster and Whitney Houston.

**Moldy Tofu Award:** To the Jordan campaign for their "food."

**Dildo in the Mouth Award:** To Sen. Bob Kerrey for his lesbian "joke."

**One Step Forward, Twenty Steps Back Award:** To the U.S. Senate for its performance in the Thomas hearings.

### HOLE
### I-Beam, Dec. 19

Hole is one of those bands that has to be seen to be believed. They're loud, nasty and kinda fun, in a Satan-worshipping, sociopathic way. Courtney Love and company opened for Smashing Pumpkins, providing by far the more intriguing show. Ms. Love, the lead singer, has made a name for herself in several media, including film, and she spent some time in SF before departing for "the land of the corporate ogre," L.A. Her approach to life is well-documented in the band's promo notes, which are a scream. Quoth Courtney, "There haven't been a lot of precedents set by females in rock; there aren't a lot of female role models..." Stepping into the breach, Love appeared onstage with a visible hickey on her neck, her eyes wandering, as she screeched lyrics of anger and lust.

The band—including bassist Jill Emery sporting a buzz cut—chugged through the songs, guitars wailing. The band's music comes across as...Well, let's go to those notes again. Oh, yes, it's "honest, heartfelt, and uniquely female." Yeah, I guess one could see "Teenage Whore" as the '90s "I Am Woman." Which makes Courtney Love...Helen Reddy? On acid, maybe. She is fun to watch in a scary way. But then, as Mlle. Love says, "Maybe it's Catholic damage, but Hole doesn't work unless it's scary..." As the band left the stage, Love threw down her guitar and flung a cup of beer into the crowd. This gesture sheds some light on her comment that, "There's been so much white male posturing in rock that what's really important to me is getting across the female perspective..."

### k.d. lang, Harvest of Seven Years
### Warner Reprise Video

lang thangs will be salivating over this 60-minute video project, which chronicles the last seven years of k.d.'s career in a series of finished videos and live clips. The time frame, 1984 to 1991, effectively charts her rise to prominence both in her native Canada and the United States. I had a chuckle over the first clip, a live rendering of "Friday Dance Promenade," in which she extols the virtues of "dippity do," among other things. Performed on *Sun Country*, a Canadian Grand Ole Opry-style show, lang is introduced as "Kathy Lang," and appears in a black dress and longish hair. The voice is the same though, and her mannerisms recognizably dykey. What must those people have thought?

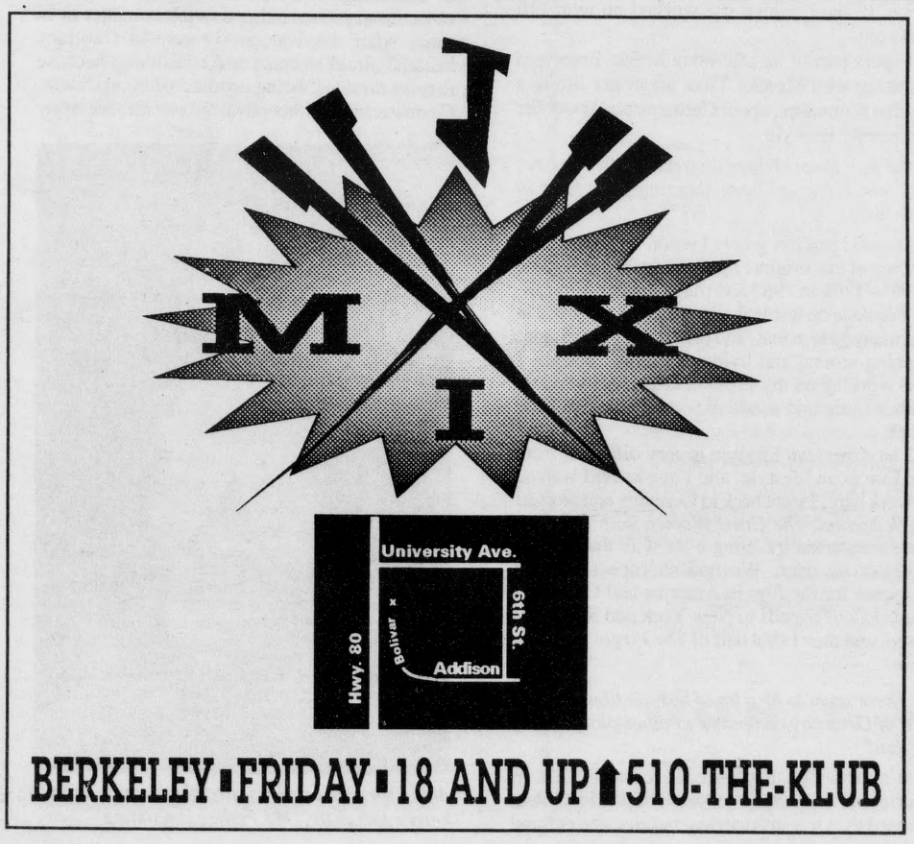
Moving on, lang displays numerous hairstyles and outfits before settling into the persona we know and love, which is what is on display in the "candid moments at home" promised by the liner notes. Sitting outdoors in front of a TV, lang is decked out in a (Gap?) T-shirt and Christian Slater hairdo introducing the clips with some pithy and mostly unrehearsed comments. (We know this because she's occasionally, if endearingly, inarticulate.)

Ever on the lookout for dyke references, I found a few in this collection, though couched in ambiguity. For example, "Bopalena" is about a woman, as is "Polly Ann," an obscure cut written by lang and performed in a garish '70s style studio setting. k.d. romps barefoot around the studio wearing a dress and granny glasses (which make several appearances). She explains afterward that her first brush with "celebritism" led her to cut off all her hair, hence the butch cut in "Pine and Stew."

She dances with a woman in "Hanky Panky" and pines after one in the last cut, "Barefoot," from her film, *Salmonberries*. In between, we get her "real" videos for "Crying," "Turn Me Round" and "So in Love," among others. Two videos from 1989's *Absolute Torch and Twang* caught my eye for their beautifully photographed and flattering portrayals of lang. "Trail of Broken Hearts" got some airplay on VH-1 and features lang wandering the prairies of her home province of Alberta. The deep blue skies and golden wheat fields are tenderly rendered, echoing the wistful longing of the song. And how about that woman walking toward k.d.? We can only wonder. "Pullin' Back the Reins," also about lost love, is a sensual look at the singer, with the camera traveling up and down her (fully clothed) body. She stands on stage emoting in full boy drag, having graduated to tailored, expensive suits from the days of pulling things out of trash bags.

The bigger budget videos are impressive, but the ones that I watched with fascination were the early Canadian clips: lang performing her live mainstay "Johnny Get Angry" (which she said in *Ms.* was a feminist twist on a misogynist song), "Pay Dirt" in cowboy drag, and a solo take on "Crying" which brought the house down at the Songwriter's Hall of Fame Awards in 1990. Interestingly, in the latter clip, lang is wearing the same dress she had worn in 1984 for her first appearance on *Sun Country*.

Showing increasing confidence and boldness, lang reinvents herself, dropping the trappings of little girl country stars and adopting a more comfortable androgyny. Though taking stands on meat-eating and AIDS, she has yet to embrace lesbianism publicly. A friend watching the video with me said in frustration, "She's so dykey. How can you not notice?"

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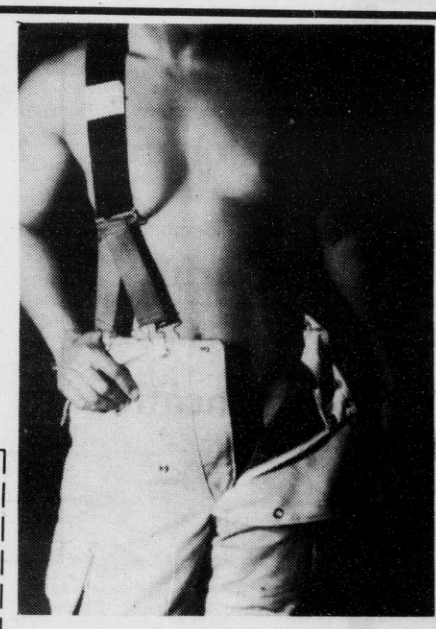

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# FILM

## High Heels

REVIEWED BY BO HUSTON

Can the word "flatulent" be used as an adjective? Regardless, it is an appropriate description of Spanish director Almodovar's latest movie, *High Heels*.

Marisa Paredes plays Becky Del Paramo, a "living legend" pop singer from the 1960s. Rebecca, played by Victoria Abril, is her daughter, neglected as a child and abandoned as a young woman; now she is a news anchor in Madrid. The film opens as mother and daughter are about to be reunited. Resentments are immediately apparent, having to do not least with Rebecca's husband, Manuel, a former love of her mother's. A drag performer named Lethal, played by Miguel Bose, does an imitation of the young Becky Del Paramo, and then seduces Rebecca in his dressing room. Manuel is murdered. Everyone's a suspect. Rebecca is jailed. A dedicated judge (with a delicious secret) investigates the case. People appear, disappear, reappear.

If all of this sounds like the stuff of irreverent and sexy screwball comedy—typical Almodovar—it isn't. The pace and tone of the film are purely melodramatic, borrowing unashamedly from Douglas Sirk tearjerkers, particularly *Imitation of Life*, in which Lana Turner was a driven actress, Sandra Dee her daughter. Lots of violins. There are a couple of lines that signal Almodovar's naughty, edgy sensibility—"Having sex with a man is one thing; killing him is another"—but these are rare departures from the narrative.

Almodovar has said that his heroes are Alfred Hitchcock, Billy Wilder and Luis Bunuel. "Hitchcock made high art images understandable to a popular audience, and made the unbelievable believable. Wilder told painful stories as comedies. Bunuel was able to make the surreal a part of everyday life without even changing the lighting." These influences have been evident in Almodovar's previous films—the outrageous black comedies *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* and *Matador*, the irreverent *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!* and the brilliant *Law of Desire*.

*High Heels*, however, is lazy. It explores nothing, illuminates nothing. It is as passive and redundant as a television soap opera; the characters are generic—we care about them simply because they're always in front of us. The mother-actress: "When I wake up every day, I just hope to live until 10 pm, and know only that I can perform." Such dialogue could be funny, if this were a funny movie; instead, it constitutes the only insight the audience will get about this character. The aspects of *High Heels* which might make it farcical are subverted, and we are left with a passionless, pointless mess. The actors are not campy, mean, hysterical, ruthless, grandiose—rather, they plod through their uninteresting roles with competence but no fire. In one segment, the daughter refers to Bergman's *Autumn Sonata*, describing scenes and dialogue from that film in order to explain her own feelings to her mother. All of the emotion in *High Heels* is buried under reference, gracelessly, arbitrarily.

Almodovar is nothing if not stylish—the set designs and costumes are of primary concern in his films. Where the use of mismatched bright colors enhanced *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, presenting a garish, unreal vision of modern urban Spain, in *High Heels* it distracts. *Everyone* has lime green vinyl furniture and wears bright red Chanel suits with blue earrings. It's gloss without purpose—style with no style.

I hated to hate this film. *Law of Desire* was a complex, landmark film, elegantly and boldly combining Almodovar's themes and styles. *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!*, though perhaps not fully successful, and convoluted by silly censorship controversy, challenged the viewer with a relentless mix of dark humor and crucial social issues. Almodovar, as writer and director, has taken American audiences off their guard as a master of tongue-in-cheek approach. So *High Heels* is doubly disappointing. Here, tongue-in-cheek has resulted simply in garbled, useless speech.

*Ana Lizaran, Marisa Paredes and Victoria Abril in "High Heels"*


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## *My Father Is Coming:* An Interview with Filmmaker Monika Treut

BY RANDY TUROFF

Monika Treut's *My Father Is Coming*, which premiered at last summer's Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, opens in theatrical release at the Gateway Cinema on Jan. 2. The film, about a struggling young German actress, Vicky, exploring her sexual possibilities on New York's Lower East Side, has been billed as a "lighthearted pansexual fantasy." In the film, Vicky's traditional Bavarian father comes to visit, and he, too, is launched into his own raunchy adventures. For both of them, it's a walk on the wild side, peppered with kinky encounters oddly mixed together as pathos and situation comedy.

Treut is a German lesbian filmmaker, well-known to us through previous feature films, including *The Virgin Machine* and *Seduction: The Cruel Woman*, which she worked on with Elfi Mikesch.

I spent part of an afternoon in San Francisco speaking with Monika Treut about her life as a lesbian filmmaker, about Germany and about her peripatetic lifestyle.

*(SF Bay Times) Where do you actually live now, and why have you been shooting your films in America?*

(Treut) I just live where I work, so I don't have a home in that original meaning anymore. I came to New York in 1983 and made a short film called *Bondage* on lesbian sadomasochism. I lived in Germany before that, and also in Italy and Spain, running around and living at friends' houses. I was working on my Ph.D. and got really fed up with writing and academics, so I came to New York.

The American lifestyle is very different from the European lifestyle, and I just knew I wanted to work here. I went back to Germany and worked on *Seduction: The Cruel Woman* with Elfi, and then we started traveling a lot with that film to festivals all over. We had an especially nice response for the film in America and Canada. I made lots of friends in New York and San Francisco, and then I shot half of *The Virgin Machine* here.

*There seem to be a lot of lesbian films coming out of Germany compared to other places. Why is that?*

It's a tradition that started in the early '70s. In Germany, it's easier to get independent films funded than it is in America, because the cultural institutions are not federal. After World War II, the Allies wouldn't let Germany have a centralized Ministry of Culture. But Germany is divided into several local or regional state governments, and they each have a certain amount of money for the arts. It depends on where you live. When I'm there, I live in the northern part of Germany, in Hamburg, which is a liberal city-state which for the longest time in history was not even part of Germany but was part of other northern harbor cities which had their own rules and laws. They were more international, and Hamburg has had the reputation for being a liberal state for a long time. If it weren't for Hamburg money, I could never have made a feature film.

*So there's no problem with gay content when you apply for state funding?*

No. German lesbian films generally have small budgets, but in Germany we don't have the kind of censorship where public funding institutions object to gay films either as subject matter or in tone. After the war, everybody in Germany became afraid to enact real censorship because they're afraid of being accused of being Nazis. Germans are very liberal on the outside, but many

*Annie Sprinkle provides special education for our hero's father in "My Father is Coming"*

are very conservative on the inside. They would never say we will not fund this exhibition or this gallery opening because it has lesbian or gay content.

The problem is that many of the films don't ever get a real theatrical release in a major theater. They show in very small theater spaces without much publicity. The problem from the other end is that many European films have trouble finding distribution in America because Americans don't like subtitles. For many of the lesbian films in Germany, they are not considered mainstream enough or accessible enough to gain a wide audience.

*What is the scene like in Germany for lesbian artists? Is there a lesbian film community?*

The situation of lesbians in Berlin or in Hamburg is different from the situations for lesbians in say, Bavaria, which is a much more conservative federal state.

Generally speaking, Elfi Mikesch and Ulrike Ottinger were the first in Germany to openly produce films with lesbian subjects. This was in the late '60s and early '70s. Alexandra Von Grote is a couple of years younger than they are, and then I came along. The thing about the German film community is that they're not so close together as a community as say, West Coast filmmakers or lesbian/gay filmmakers here who hold meetings and have organizations they belong to. We don't really have this much in Germany. There are friendships between filmmakers, but it's totally on a private level. There's not really a scene there. But compared to America, gay artists are much more privileged in Europe.

I think that people stick together and try to fight for their rights when there are more problems. I'm not saying it's easy for us, but in Germany for lesbian/gay artists it's easier. If you write a good script, you get a decent amount of money. At least you can work at what you do. I think the situation for gay and lesbian artists in America is different, because you're much more powerful in the sense of being organized as a community. You're more visible and politically smarter than European gays, because you have to be. It's more grim here in the States for artists and gay people and all. You have to be much more aware. In Germany we don't have to fight to have our films shown or to get funding, but our films are small events in local movie houses. We don't have anything compared to Frameline. Our film festivals are not big powerful events.

*Getting back to your own films, it often appears that your lesbian heroines never quite seem to know they're lesbians until after they've explored everyone else's sex scenes. Why do you feel compelled to start with their straightness instead of their queerness?*

With *The Virgin Machine* my subject was romantic love, and I wanted to explore that as a subject. In a way it attacks lesbian fantasies of romanticism. It's the undertone for both parts of the film, at first when she's with her boyfriend, and then later when she meets lesbians and gets in touch with them. To see this as basic human behavior is to say that it is not so very different in straight people or gay people.

With *My Father Is Coming*, I don't think lesbianism is a real issue in the film. I just wanted to cater to the situation that this young woman is in New York and is affected by all the sicknesses of trying to be successful, and she is at the same time a disturbed person who is not at all aware of her own sexuality. What I really think is that people who don't know who they are or what kind of work they're doing can't have any real consciousness about what their sexual identity is. So she meets this Puerto Rican lesbian who's down-to-earth and knows who she is and what she's doing, and this woman is very attractive to this girl. She has what this girl needs.

Lesbians in Berlin also had some objections to this film, and they were saying similar things to what you brought up in your question. They were saying that they would have loved to have seen a lesbian who was a stronger woman, with a stronger lesbian identity. But this film is about real life and about what a lot of women are really like and how confused they are about their sexual identities. This movie is about real people, real life and real problems. I didn't want to do a heroic movie. I didn't want to do a Hollywood movie.

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## A Year to Dismember

I won't go out on a limb and say that Karen Williams is the funniest woman on the comedy stage today. But I will say I cannot think of anyone, male or female, who is funnier, more polished, more universal in the contemporary traumas she chooses to share with her audience. Her design for living—which is the same as day-to-day *coping*—can be subsumed into one verb and two pronouns: "Fuck you" and "Fuck it." Practice these phrases. Obviously they've done wonders for Williams, for whom an attitude of blatant hauteur is more effective than analysis.

Trying to analyze Williams' comedy is nigh impossible. She doesn't do one-liners, accents or characters. She just involves you in a one-sided conversation that takes off on many tangents including raising two boys. You don't even have to have kids to suffer along with her. When she called her best friend for advice on how to stop her youngest from playing with his "weenie" she got no help. Her best friend is also a lesbian. The real appeal of Williams' work (and a lot of comedians never discover this) is her universality. Her problems are my problems and your problems.

*Karen Williams*

Her method of attacking them is a head-on tackle. If it's a person, "*fuck* you." If it's a situation, "*fuck* it." I think she's on to something.

Karen Williams was the closing act of "A Year to Dismember II: A Very Queer Year in Review," featuring host Tom Ammiano and two other friends, Scott Capurro and Karen Ripley. Last night completed their one-week run at the Eureka Theatre.

Several brief ensemble skits were woven throughout the program (a couple of closeted gays trying to butch it up at the office, an Anita Hill bit, and something involving an animal psychic), but they seemed a little haphazard, underrehearsed and just sort of "weenied" out.

Ammiano, a frequent and necessary thorn in the foot of the establishment, remarked regarding the rain that anyone who admitted liking it hadn't just spent forty bucks for a dye job and a set. He then presented a brief slide review of some of the year's most memorable events (Agnos kissing *another* man, two pigs purported to be recent photos of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helms, among others), but both the photos and comments lacked that incisive wit we've come to expect.

Tom reprised some of his earlier material about growing up in New Jersey (he was the Avon rep for his Boy Scout troop), teaching, being a turkey baster father, school board politics, and his pet aggravations. He did a little rap song about famous people who have not come out (the same names that have already been outed and outed and outed).

The current hoopla about the movie *JFK* reminded Tom that if the president had been wearing a pillbox hat and a little pink suit, he'd be alive today. And speaking of dress, Ammiano demands an accounting from Frank Jordan on the use of gays as plainclothes cops. What the hell does that mean, Tom wants to know, "lipstick and no gloss?"

Karen Ripley, a one-liner comedian whose worried visage seems to bear the brunt of insurmountable responsibilities, admitted that her stomach felt a little queasy—she had spent the day with her inner child. Ripley is a very laid-back comic. Her material is gently humorous and I have a strong feeling she would be more successful as a humor writer. For instance: "Is it OK to hate men and dress like them?" she asks. Clever lines like that set off a thought process, not a laugh track. "I went to a scent-free dance in Berkeley," she says. "The B.O. was so strong I had to leave."

Scott Capurro's technique is something else again. He's frenetic, he's shrill, he's a touch aggressive, and he's got six arms. His material is totally self-centered and lacking in those universalities that permit an audience to warm up to him. I want to laugh with a comedian, not at him. I guess that's why I never liked Jerry Lewis. Sure he made a million dollars. But fuck him. (I got *that* from Karen Williams.)

Young and as yet undisciplined, Capurro follows the straight comic routine of choosing a couple down front (he chose *two* couples) and working them over a bit, just enough to make them squirm.

He revealed some details about his current affair with a young man whose name is also Scott. Their lovemaking dialogue consists of repeating each other's names: "Scott? Scott. Oh, Scott. Oh, Scott! Ohhhh, Scott." Capurro confesses it's like making love to the Grand Canyon.

His really funny and unique comedy routine was his use of two fingers as babytalking lovers in a coy domestic scene. We've all known couples just like that. It had its own vicious universality and I loved it.

## Sing for Your Supper

CitiArts Theatre initiated the newly remodeled Centre Concord with a delightful production of the Rodgers and Hart romp, *Sing for Your Supper*. Six fine vocalists pair off and then pair off again in the best tradition of the rocky road of musical comedy. Of special interest to many of us was the stage debut of Lisa Gray, a cabaret favorite of the San Francisco circuit. She's a definite show biz winner, vocally, visually, and every other way.

Veteran performers Marcia Hetzler and John Hetzler reveal considerable experience, vocal skill and professional flair with the composers' show tunes. Alan Cameron, another East Bay favorite, sings and dances with an ingratiating aplomb in his pursuit of Barbara Grant, whose tendency to hold back vocally created a less assured presence. Partnering Lisa was Kyle Fitzberald, last seen on this side of the Bay in *The Melody Lingers On.* This young singer has a big voice and knows how to use it. His tendency to work the audience rather than concentrate his lyrics on his partner needs, some attention, however.

Of the 500 songs Rodgers and Hart wrote for the movies and 23 musical comedies, this show features 55 of the best. My particular favorites were Marcia's world-weary delivery of "Falling in Love With Love," Kyle's tender crooning of "Where or When," Alan's sweet and pensive "Nobody's Heart," and a Manhattan medley that featured the sly lyrics of "Give It Back to the Indians."

Musical director Michael Horsley kept the show moving at a merry pace befitting some of Broadway's best-ever songs. But to my taste, the revue was over-choreographed by director John Staniunas. The singers were too often called upon to fling themselves across stage to get in the next position for the next lyric. Some of the dance movements were repetitive and not particularly graceful for non-dancing singers to attempt. It was

*Lisa Gray in "Sing for your Supper"*

Photo by Ken Friedman

*Landlord Leslie (Harold Surratt) and solicitor Tristram (Howard Swain) in "Taking Steps"*

a pleasant respite when the vocalists were permitted to stand still and sing, as with Barbara's simple "A Ship Without a Sail," Lisa's gorgeously wistful "It Never Entered My Mind," and Marcia and John's "older but wiser" rendition of "My Funny Valentine."

Other delights were discovering songs I'd never heard before, such as "Lovely Day for a Murder," and "This Is My Night to Howl," and rediscovering songs made fresh again such as Lisa's knockout vamping of "Ten Cents a Dance" and Alan's version of the underrated, ultra-romantic "Nearer."

A simple set by Karl Rawicz was designed around a center pair of hotel doors (sort of a mini-Grand Hotel) which made for "star" entrances and exits.

## Taking Steps

Director E.T. White's cast of six romps with clockwork abandon through the dark, musty Gothic horror of a house that is the centerpiece of Alan Ayckbourn's clever but overlong farce, *Taking Steps*.

Perhaps the most ingenious element of this A.C.T. production is the set itself, a marvelous excuse for some beautifully choreographed stage business. The three-level action involves a master bedroom, a stairwell and an upstairs bedroom, another stairwell and a downstairs sitting room. With all three rooms designed on the same level and with much of the action occurring simultaneously, actors "pass through" other actors, mime climbing stairs and falling downstairs, and create noisy disturbances that seem to be the work of a resident ghost.

Ray Reinhardt is rich bucket manufacturer Roland, who believes that successful men should live in big houses, and he is determined to buy this gloomy hulk. His solicitor's clerk, Tristram (Howard Swain), arrives with the papers. The landlord's son Leslie (Harold Surrart), a black-leathered, black helmeted motorcyclist, also arrives to cinch the sale.

In the upstairs bedroom Lizzie (Lori Holt), a go-go dancer with pretensions to artistry, is preparing to flee her unhappy marriage to the bucket king. Her brother Mark (Charles Lanyer), whose pointless stories not only put others to sleep but himself as well, is preparing to install his fiancee (who has run off with another man) in the attic bedroom. Once installed, Kitty, the fiancee (Nancy Carlin), does little more than purr through the evening and is terribly funny doing it.

The plot is as convoluted as a Rube Goldberg invention and watching its machinery glide into action is a visual delight. Lizzie sneaks out and then sneaks back in and slips into bed, and initiates some energetic thrashing about under the covers. There are farewell notes delivered into the wrong hands and misinterpreted as suicide notes. There are sleeping pills. Sometime during the night fidgety, stuttering, nincompoop Tristram suffers a long overdue loss of virginity and Kitty discovers a strange man in her bed. Oblivious to most of it, bucket tycoon Roland keeps refreshing his guests' drinks and having one himself.

It's all resolved in the cold light of morning after which the play whimpers to an end, a good 20 minutes after the machinery has ground to a halt.

Taking steps? Where from? Where to? I don't know where any of these characters are going, other than running in place. Both women want to break out but can't make the move. The fairly ineffectual men seem to confuse success with existence. Even in a farce there should be someone to root for.

Great set by Joel Fontaine. Some surprising costumes by Christine Doughety. Good lighting and sound by Derek Duarte and Stephen LeGrand, respectively. And a fine cast directed to treat farce with due seriousness.

A terrific sight comedy for the post-holiday blahs. *Taking Steps* continues its run at the Stage Door Theatre through Jan. 25. Call 749-2ACT or all BASS-TM centers.

## Fat Men in Skirts

My how time flies. In the early '50s, Broadway was mistreated to a raunchy little comedy, loaded with innuendo, called *The Little Hut,* in which a woman, her husband, and a *very* friendly ape were stranded on a desert island. Now, a mere 40 years later, innuendo is out the window and we're treated to a visually specific view of how society copes when all of the niceties of civilization are stripped away. We have a mother and son going at it in the sand after a grisly feast on the bloody appendages of their fellow passengers from a crashed plane.

Not that Nicky Silver's macabre comedy at the Magic isn't viciously funny; it is. Especially those first act overlapping scenes between mother and son and husband and mistress.

Phyllis (Susan Brecht) and Bishop (Sean Blackman), her 11-year-old son, are the only two survivors of a plane crash on a desert island. Chic, imperious Phyllis, more concerned with ruining a perfectly good pair of shoes than the duties of motherhood, feeds her precocious, whining son her lipsticks. You needn't call me "Mother," she reminds him, setting the scene for the dismissal of other social taboos. A compulsive reciter of Hepburn trivia, Bishop has the appetite of an otherwise normal boy and matters take a turn for the practical. They begin with the nun and eventually eat their way through the other passengers.

Years pass. Trapped under a "bottomless sky," Phyllis lapses into lethargy while Bishop, thrust into the provider role, turns cruel and cunning and works religiously on his physique. Hiding in the dark jungle, he learns about sex from watching the monkeys at their sexual pastimes. His subsequent rape of his now bedraggled hag of a mother further sends her into a childlike psychosis.

Blackouts, mercifully designed to spare us, dissolve to scenes back home where Howard (Geoff Shields), the philandering movie producer husband and father, meets and beds porn actor Pam (Molly Bryant).

Rescued five years later, the practically catatonic Phyllis and the raging maniacal Bishop are re-installed in Howard's New York apartment. The only hitch is that live-in mistress Pam is now pregnant. Concerned for Phyllis' mental well-being, Howard forces Pam to wear a maid's outfit and sleep in the broom closet.

I was indeed sorry to find Pam summarily dismissed from the plot when Bishop, reverting to his savage state, does her in and offers Phyllis a leg. Now into her full-time shoe fetish, Phyllis just sits on the floor and re-arranges a strange collection of footwear. (Bishop brings her a fresh pair now and then, suggesting that some lone New York streetwalker has met an untimely end.)

*Fat Men* is clever, shocking, now and then witty. But scratch the surface and there's not much under this skewered look at some impersonal relationships. Even so, director R.A. White has done a masterful job with four talented actors. Brecht's dissolution is a moving characterization, and Shield's portrayal of a shallow, abstracted male is a gem of comedy timing. As the airhead girlfriend, Bryant gives the year's funniest performance. She is giggly, sultry, volatile and totally endearing. Her first scene with Shields is an acting (and writing) gem.

As Bishop, Blackman made a masterful transition from petulance to arrogant malignance. (The actor's incessant screaming in the second act was a bit of a bore, but I assume it was something his character picked up from those fornicating monkeys on the island.)

The title, a pretentious conceit of the playwright, has nothing to do with the play. It is nevertheless explained away by Phyllis as having to do with childhood memory of an overweight transvestite neighbor whom her mother forbade her to speak to.

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## Miss Gulch Returns!

Wicked witch though he may portray, Fred Barton is no fly-by-night talent. This handsome young man's credits include associate conductor of *City of Angels* and associate conductor with the previous national tours of *Zorba* and *Cabaret*. He was also arranger and musical director for the successful local run of "Call Me Ethel." Barton is best known, though, as the original pianist-performer-musical-arranger of *Forbidden Broadway*, the devastating satire of musicals that is now celebrating its 10th birthday in New York.

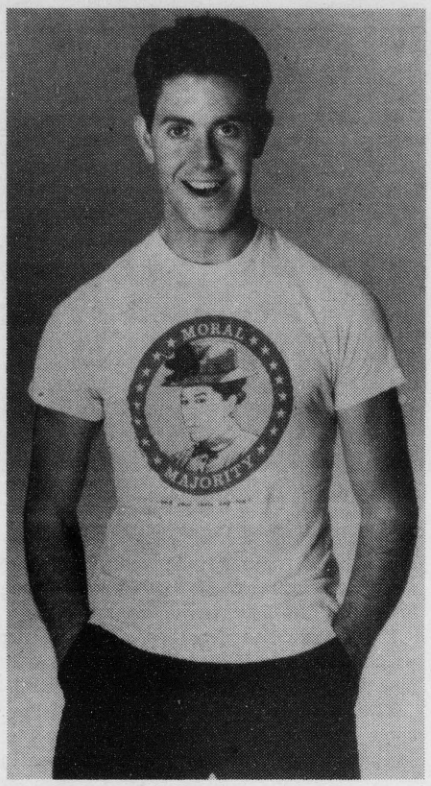
Barton took over the Mason Street Theatre on a recent Friday for a one-night benefit for Equity Fights AIDS. Shiny-faced and all tuxed-up, looking for all the world like a 1940s movie version of the boy next door on prom night, Barton proceeded to turn his jacket inside out, convert his shirt into a frilly dickey, turn a piano scarf into a skirt, scrunch up his face into a butter-wouldn't-melt smile, and he was the ultimately hissable Margaret Hamilton, Miss Gulch of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Why Elmira Gulch, he asks? "Because she's a national symbol. She's unpleasant and she's single, one because of the other." Miss Gulch then set aside her little basket and flung herself at the piano where she whipped through a dozen songs that told the sad story of her life. It began with the plaintive "You're the Woman I'd Wanna Be," and slipped immediately into "I'm a Bitch." For those of us who still hear Garland's "I was born in a trunk" ringing in our ears, Miss Gulch sang "I was born on a bike in West Topeka on an afternoon in 1902." I think she's laid the original to rest forever.

Gulch's plea to a bartender to "Pour Me a Man" managed some delightful rhyme schemes that included pairing "Niagara Falls" with "overalls." Continuing her lament, the single Miss Gulch sang "Everyone Worth Taking" that left us with the shattering conclusion that "everyone worth taking has already been had." Certainly a sentiment worth some thought.

"It's Not My Idea of a Gig," is her recollection of playing piano in a gay bar where 62 gay guys are singing an off-key concert of all Judy Garland songs. Yes, including "Over the Rainbow."

"Take Me, Please," and "Don't Touch Me," reveal a lurking schizophrenia. "Lovers are like dentures," she confides, "you may not want them in your mouth all night, but you do want them handy in the morning."



*The real Miss Gulch*

When Miss Gulch's one-sided affair is on the wane and her boyfriend advises her that he needs his space, she less than graciously bows out with the needling song, "Give My Best to the Blonde."

Fred Barton is a very clever man. Both he and his alter ego deserve a longer run.

*—Gene Price*

## Dorothy Donegan At Kimball's West

What becomes a legend most?

For those who follow the jazz scene, Dorothy Donegan's pianistic work fits the bill. Recently, however, aficionados of every type of music are flocking to this wizard of the keys. She's exciting, she's a touch raunchy and most of all, she's all-out entertaining. Her vast knowledge of everything musical, from Chopin to Thelonious Monk, combined with a technical mastery equivalent to Art Tatum (who once told her that she was the only woman that could ever force him to practice) and her wonderfully outlandish lighthearted approach puts Donegan in the forefront of jazz. At 69, it's a mystery why she's only now receiving the recognition she has deserved for a career that has spanned half a century.

Upstairs at Kimball's West, Donegan played to sold-out houses of long-time admirers and newcomers alike. Topped off with a black leather cap as opposed to her trademark turbans, she amazed us with a Chopinesque introduction which soon turned into the old standard "Like Someone in Love." Complete with Oscar Peterson grunts and stylings, she zoomed through, allowing only enough time for a bass solo, and proceeded to provide a classical introduction into Porter's classic, "Just One of Those Things," during which she managed to intermingle "London Bridges," all the while changing tonalities and tempos. An incomparable series of impressions followed, including Lena Horne singing "Bill Bailey," Rose Murphy (whose large chest she referred to as "the breakfast of champions") singing "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," and Billie Holiday. During "Makin' Whoopee," the initial statement was made by the bassist.

Donegan is known for her medleys of songs, and the one that followed, including "Round Midnight" and "My Man's Gone Now" provided a perfect balance of soloing and accompaniment. Most musicians excel in either one or the other, but Donegan is equally comfortable doing both. During "Green Dolphin Street," she managed to throw in a little of everything including "Three Blind Mice" and a Baroque-like canon. The big show-stopper of the evening was a mixture of just about everything, including a blues into a boogie woogie and, yes, she managed to get her leg up onto the keyboard...and still hit the right notes! To close the set, she interpreted "As Time Goes By" in a quite simplistic manner, as if to say that she can also make music that is sensitive and contemplative.

Donegan's trio included Joel Spencer on drums, and John Burr on bass. Both provided well thought out accompaniment to this woman, who confounds us with enthusiasm and her technical brilliance, time after time.

*—Scott Cady*

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## Reminiscing Together About Times We Never Shared

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*Back when we were all still friends, nobody was anybody and no one made any money off the scene, Queer Pride Parade 1989.*

Standing in yet another crowded, loud, impersonal nightclub with yet another househead zombie diva wailing about marginalization, I scratched my furrowed brow and started to wonder how we arrived where we are now.

Four years ago there was no such thing as nightlife in San Francisco. AIDS had swept through the City, and the party had shut down. In '87, The Stud was the only bar crowded and relatively fun seven nights a week, but that was it.

House parties were the zephyr that lifted us out of the doldrums, bringing together the best mixture of people for somewhat spontaneous good times.

Every few months my roommates and I would have a few hundred of our friends over to trash our home for an evening. We would scramble about madly all day before parties cleaning house, stapling fabric and blacklight-friendly insects to the ceiling, mopping floors, changing plain lightbulbs to party bulbs, and creating still life arrangements in our rooms in preparation for the expected horde.

Back then parties were no charge, all-ages, BYOB free-for-alls, with a cast embracing Lower Haight types, primitive mod prims, Hayes Valley prostitutes, leatherfolk, radical faeries, street people, with a mild seasoning of sweater queens, and plenty of white-faced 17-year-old girls in crushed velvet capes. The most sincere fun has always been free.

Now everything comes with an associated price. Fun has been packaged, commodified and sold. But the process has tainted the product. Running clubs is a big money business, and it is a struggle to stay on top, to stay interesting enough that people will continue to patronize the scene.

### NO MONEY, NO PUSSY

Scene personalities have also changed their attitude toward going out. Many won't dress anymore without a cash infusion, seeing how much club promoters are making by showcasing them as freaks to gawkers who are willing to pay cover.

Four years ago there were none of the pseudo-celebs making boldface as there are today. The gay press didn't know who we were, and didn't care. Now they pepper their pages with our photos and actions.

We can thank the clubs for having made us "someone," and for having given us validation, though of course we're still no one in straight society. And being a celebutante gets you little other than reduced cover charge and the occasional free drink.

### YOUR LOOK MAY BE OVER

Certain people in the scene can be viewed as fashion forecasters. One of my favorite studies, fashion forerunner Uranus DJ **Michael Blue**, however, has dropped much of his co-opted signatures, long since having forsaken his eyebrow and nipple piercings. But tattoos are forever. And even ACT UP Type **Bob Smith** isn't wearing sleeveless plaid flannel shirts any more. Take note fashion devotees: Your look may be over.

And remember, dancing shirtless with gold plated donkey chains was *never* in.

Hip hets are invading yet another neighborhood haven, and have taken to trekking from Cafe Du Nord to the Mint of late, casting off the artsy jazz environ in favor of the Karaoke lounge. Are heterosexuals reclaiming show tunes? Is nothing sacred? Saint Ann Margaret preserve us!

The hetero invasion won't make it to **Dekadance**, however, where serious male cruising is de rigueur. **Jeff Palmer** has created the most eclectic mens' night spot presently spinning, a homosexual potluck of sweaters, labels, acid wash, piercings, pecs and tribal tattoos.

Columnist **Don Baird** refers to the club's unchanging go-go dancers as "midget wrestlers." Week after week, the same day-glo spandex-clad dancers stomp about the platform, captivated by their reflection in the mirror placed opposite the stage. But watching the same go-gos incessantly is like viewing the same porno video over and over again, without being able to fast foward.

San Francisco's (former) *Most Wanted Lesbian*, **Lulu,** can be viewed holding court at **Faster Pussycat**, where she can be found showing off the latest copy of her slick magazine ***Quim***, featuring hot erotic cover and center spreads shots by one of the current *Most Wanted Lesbians*, **Jessica Tanzer,** among other juicy tidbits which fill it.

At the club Lulu was quick to point out her cameo appearance in a book I happened to be carrying, ***Angry Women***, where she appears, obscured by the altered form of a very pregnant Susie Bright.

But Lulu was not as fleet of foot as **Lypsinka** to point out her play in magazines. At the Kiosk on the Castro, Lypsinka lilted to and fro amidst the periodicals, showing Michelangelo Signorile and me her varied coverage in national rags, name-dropping faster than even I can. House of Chanel, Karl Lagerfeld, Madonna, Thiery Muegler, Danillo; her lips were a blur, forming words faster than an LP on 78.

Los Angeles nightlife personality and *Advocate* calendar queen **J.V. McCaully** is becoming a name to be dropped, having been hired to perform the function of "Counter Culture Consultant" for a major Hollywood studio feature film. I suppose the self-loathing studio homos wouldn't be clued-in enough to fathom why acid wash clashes with scrotal piercings (a hafada for you enthusiasts).

## Astrology...

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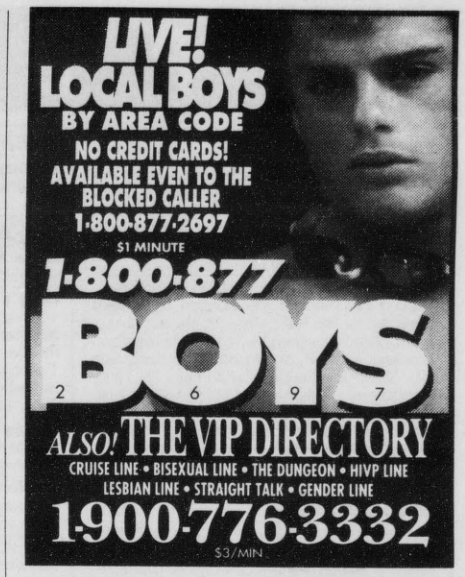
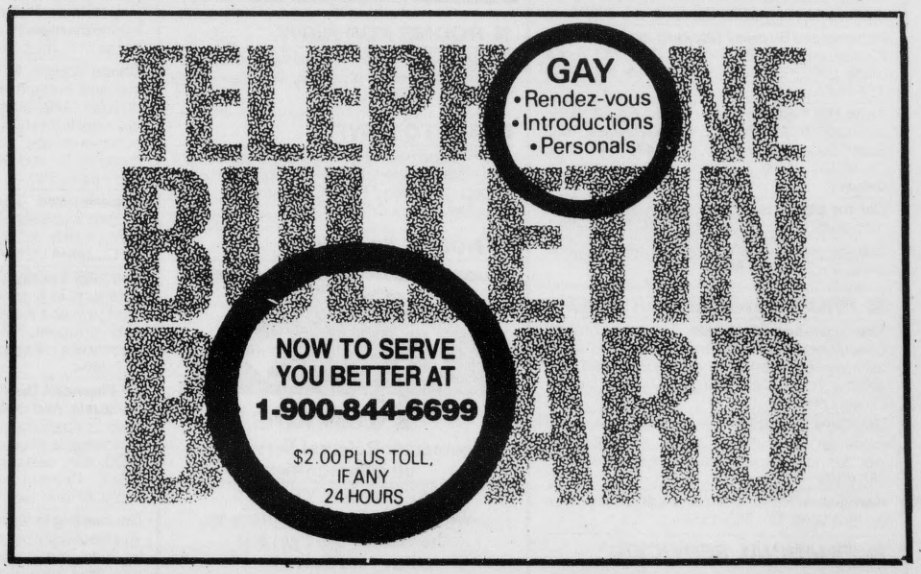
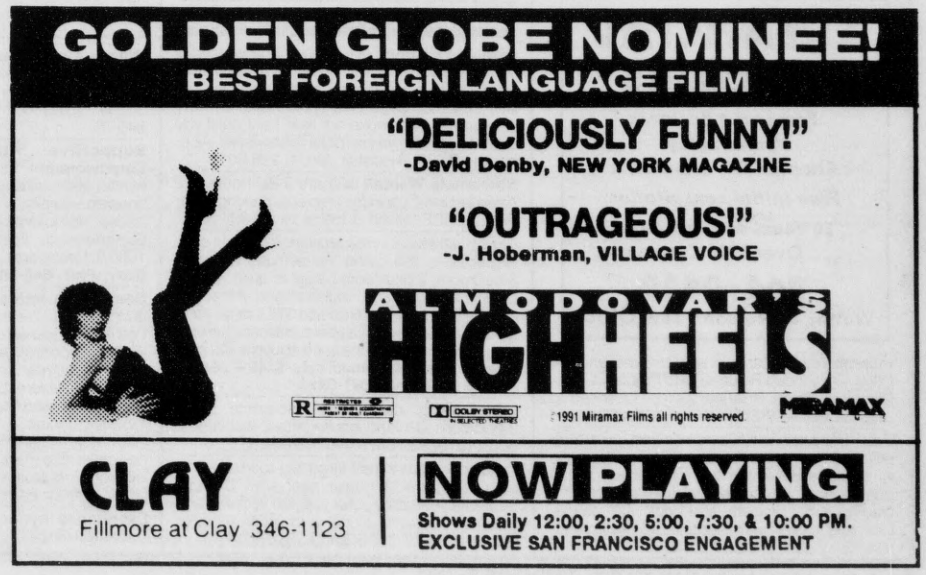
focus and tool reflecting your strength, or you may gain greater strength overcoming them. This will be a long, slow process. A spiritual discipline, or therapeutic structure would be very helpful. The good news is that it can be one of your best years for sexual pleasures and explorations.

**PISCES:** You'll find this a lucky year for partnership. Less structured relations will be confusing at best. Well, you will certainly find yourself surrounded by ummm, interesting friends who will keep you..uhhh, very stimulated—druggies, weirdos and people who may as well be on another planet. Actually, the best offered by the stars is intense involvement in a spiritual fellowship. (I've never known a Pisces who wasn't a candidate for a 12-step program, but if you prefer a Taize meditation group or a Zendo, that's perfectly fine.)



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**Gay Men's Therapy**: ongoing group to address quality-of-life issues, self-esteem, relationships, fear of intimacy, depression, AIDS anxiety, internalized homophobia, codependency and other issues. Sliding scale/insur. Info: John Beeman, MA, MFCC (lic. MFC23838): 626-6196.

**Partners of People with AIDS:** Where does the caregiver go to meet **his** needs? A support & growth group for gay men whose lovers have AIDS. Gordon Murray, MFCC. 552-2801.

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**Gay Men's Therapy Group**. Ongoing group has opening. Learn about yourself by interacting with other gay men in a challenging and supportive setting. Develop yourself interpersonally, express yourself openly and directly, get honest feedback. Thursdays 6:30-8:00, Castro location, $35/session. Call Gordon Murray, MFCC: 552-2801 or Mark Lodico, MA: 863-2898.

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**Ongoing Therapy Group for Gay Men from Dysfunctional Families**. Call Dan Joy, LCSW (415), 285-6067 or Scott Madover, PhD, (415) 863-4806 for more information.

**What about the rest of my life?** Group forming for people 50 and older, facing transitions or losses (See listing in "Counseling & Therapy"). Also, two openings in ongoing Tuesday evening group for women 30 and above. **Jeanne Adleman (415) 585-0666.**

**Ongoing psychodynamically oriented** psychotherapy group at UCSF in need of new members. Focus is on difficulties with intimacy in relationships. Sliding scale fee. Call 476-7250 or 476-4796 for further information.

**Fort Help Counseling Center**, (415) 546-7779, offers ongoing groups on sliding scale: **Lesbian Therapy Group**, Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm, begins mid-February. Call Karen Rachels, MFCCI, or Kathleen Duffy, MS. **Bisexual Men's Support Group**, now forming. Call Norman Gibson, MFCCI.

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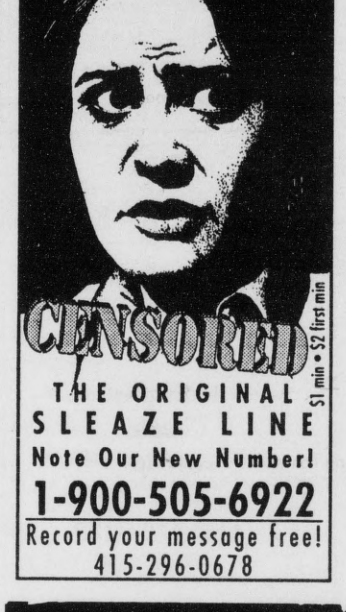

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I'm 35, cute, fun, creative, love art and music, and have a great sense of humor. You are between 25 and 40, intelligent, self-confident and able to be spontaneous, as well as intimate. Honesty and emotional maturity are important. Please, no heavy smokers. Call ★★5072.

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I'm looking for the right woman to enhance my life with intimacy. I'm a youthful, attractive forty-five-year-old GWF that's warm-hearted, intelligent, physically fit, politically progressive, non-smoking professional that's financially secure and looking for the same. Do you enjoy the arts, travel, have a good sense of humor and are between the ages of thirty-five and forty-five? If so please respond. Reply BT Box JA7A or call ★★5073.

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And I had it all, except cross-country skiing. I'm 37 and prefer older, culturally/racially diverse female company. (I'm colorful when lit and have my dark side.) I've realized a couple of careers and am committed to a couple more. I'm not type A, just love change and self-sufficiency. Add very adventurous 20s (in Alaska), a trip around the world at my turn of the decade, and now a passionate love of this city for a future worth having. Not too old to build that future, from scratch, if necessary, and preferably with a joyful, intelligent, sexy, committed lover who figures equally into the equation. Please have tolerance and follow through. Autobiography, photo, references & fingerprints not required—just your name and phone. No excuses or dependencies. Curiosity seekers OK. Call ★★5078.

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Honest, gentle, sensitive butch seeks warm loving femme for friendship and more. I enjoy movies, theater, art, music, sports, dining out, quiet nights at home and more. Please be warm, affectionate, honest, not afraid of intimacy and a femme who loves the love of a butch. No smokers, drugs or alcohol. Call ★★5079.

**Take Control**

of this contradictory androgynous/butch who has a D-cup and a fetish for wearing leather and lace. Wine me, dine me, then take me home for dessert. Talk to my head, my heart and my body. I am sexy, accomplished, romantic, cynical, stylish and ready to be taken care of for a change. Please be androgynous/butch, 45-65, relationship-oriented, intelligent, handsome, and able to take back what you give sexually. Extra points for short hair, late model cars with nice stereos, non-smokers, dog owners. Call ★★5080.

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**Sonoma County**

Pretty feminine lesbian wanted for cute androgynous lesbian. Free of STDs. Relationship only. A plus if you have dark hair, a sense of humor, like easy hiking, beach, movies, music, animals, sex, sex toys. No perfumes, smoking, drugs. No spiked hair, spaces between teeth or horns on your head. Social drinking OK. Must be under 5'7". First caller gets Belgium chocolates licked off her naked body. Call ★★5087.

My roommate says, "In a city of over 700,000 there must be at least 40,000 Lesbians! ... in the whole Bay Area?" Where are you all? I don't frequent clubs. I prefer watching sunsets. I photograph, write poetry, dabble in paint. I'm conversant/ignorant on many subjects, computer literate, sports illiterate. Music: my passion though I only play classical piano in my dreams. I eat meat; own/wear loafers, combat boots, pumps. I'm 37, looking to date Lesbians of distinction (by your definition) with a passion for life. Please be smoke, alcohol, drug free, and yourself! I believe in: monogamy, being gentle, being grateful, joy, grief, holding hands, inner guides. My favorite places: Bolinas, Berkeley, CA coast, bookstores, museums, "finding" favorite places. I like: live opera, old movies, foreign films, lazy Sundays, home cooked dinners, Liz Story, Enya, Paul Horn. Call ★★5088.

**Baseball**

That's what I like—as well as my career, my life in Berkeley, being 35, my friends, my sense of humor, my concern for the economy, my need for passionate sex, honesty, compassion, and a lady of quality. If you're concerned about the world, can hold a conversation, a job and my hand in public, then we should try a couple of seats at Candlestick together. Reply BT Box JA9A or call ★★5089.

**Dear "Close to 40, a Little Butch"**

You answered my ad in October. You left a great message but an incorrect phone number! You said you had irreverent wit and were very affectionate. Please call again and leave your number loud and clear. I'm thirty-six, fem, affectionate, fat and communicative. Call ★★5090.

**I'm Ready**

Can you advertise for a relationship? Can this be planned? Essential: Humor. Me: thirty-six, fem, affectionate, communicative, fat, arts lover, theatre professional, nature lover. You: playful, aggressive in bed, butch, funny, confident, affectionate. Often present for unknown reasons in the weird chemistry of attraction: moderate sports fans, thinkers, sometimes shy types, Geminis. I don't really believe you can plan to fall in love. But, I do plan on following my desire, trusting my heart and being brave. Reply BT Box JA10A or call ★★5091.

Non-smoking/ Sober/ Morally Upright/ Born Again/ Self-Righteous Ladies Need Not Apply! I am a GWJ raw female—a pure Scorpio—to the bone. I'm looking for an honest woman who is not afraid to "cut to the chase" and live life for the moment. I'm old enough to know better—young

## Dykes To Watch Out For

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MO, HURRY UP! WE'LL BE LATE!
Y'KNOW, WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD? I THINK I'LL STAY HERE.
WHAT? IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE! WE WERE INVITED TO THIS PARTY A MONTH AGO! YOU CAN'T STAY HERE!
HARRIET, I DON'T FEEL UP TO FACING THE NEW YEAR, LET ALONE CELEBRATING IT.
WHAT'S TO CELEBRATE? ANOTHER ELECTION YEAR? ALREADY, LESBIANS HAVE BEEN THE BUTT OF BOTH REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN JOKES! OH, IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE A RACE!
ALONG WITH THE USUAL BUNCH OF INTERCHANGEABLE, SPIRITUALLY DEAD, WHITE MALE CANDIDATES, THIS TIME WE HAVE DAVID DUKE, A BONA FIDE NAZI!
AND THEN THERE'S THE COLUMBUS QUINCENTENNIAL! LET'S ALL GET DOWN AND PARTY FOR 500 YEARS OF GENOCIDE, CULTURAL IMPERIALISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVASTATION!
WHAT'S TO LOOK FORWARD TO, HARRIET? A YEAR'S WORTH OF REGRESSIVE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS?
WE'RE BOTH WORRIED ABOUT GETTING LAID OFF AT WORK AND LOSING NOT ONLY OUR INCOMES BUT OUR HEALTH INSURANCE, WHICH WOULD MEAN ETERNAL DEBT IF WE EVER GOT SICK, WHICH IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL WE DO, CONSIDERING WE EAT, DRINK, AND BREATHE CARCINOGENS EVERYWHERE WE TURN, THANKS TO...
HEY!
GLUG!
PUT IT BACK! I'LL FREEZE!
THEN GET DRESSED. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR, YOU CAN CELEBRATE THAT 1991 IS OVER AND DONE WITH.
GLOOB GLEEK GLUG
JEEZ, HARRIET! DON'T YOU THINK THAT WOULD BE KINDA NEGATIVE?

enough to enjoy it (30-something). You: alive and aware! Reply BT Box JA11A or call ★★5092.

**Top Gun**

27y.o., 5'8", drk hair & eyes w/a winning smile. This woman is fired-up motivated with an excellent attitude. I've been self-employed for 5 yrs., and living a great life. Dating has been fun, but now I'm ready to plan for that xtra special relationship. If you've ever fantasized about yourself and that perfect woman, in which you shared hopes, dreams, good, bad, home, family, cats, laughs, great sex and my drums, drop a line. Photo? Reply BT Box JA12A or call ★★5093.

**Twice Shy—How 'Bout One More Try?**

We've seen each other twice. First my friend was checking his seams on Muni the Saturday night before Christmas. We all stepped off at Embarcadero. You asked a question about BART. I blushed and mumbled a reply. Sunday morning we were both on Grove Street. Me going to BART, you toward the Civic Center. I laughed and smirked and you were gone. I'd like to see you again, meet for coffee, a movie, dinner and whatever seems right. Call ★★5094.

**Girl Seeks Girl**

Smart, femme of center lesbian, 22, seeks woman who shares my passion for soap bubbles, books, rainstorms, good food and conversation, dancing, fresh flowers, and laughter ranging from giggle fits to belly laughs. If you have integrity, are affectionate, intense, loyal and intelligent, we should meet. No drugs, but light alcohol and smoking are OK. Reply BT Box JA13A.

**Women of Color Preferred**

For this small butch (on the outside) WF. I love my Niners, videos, pool, hot tubs, MarineWorld, pizza, hungry hunter. You must be financially secure. Drinkers okay, not drunks. Smoking okay, no drugs! I'll go hottubbing over a damn walk on the beach any day. Reply BT Box JA14A.

**If I Can't Wear My DMs...**

I won't go. Writer, 39, femme of center, intelligent, articulate, attractive with eclectic but impeccable tastes (Jewish retailing genes) seeks counterpart for intense conversation, nightlife and general weirdness. No heavy smokers or drinkers. Extra points for motorcycles, tattoos and demonstrated knowledge of international Guardian weekly and Andrew Vachss. Tell me a story. Call ★★5095.

**I'm Crazy About Women**

Cute, witty, adventurous 26-year-old Jewish gal seeks sprightly sweetie for romance and friendship. I'm an affectionate, bright, curious psychology-type who loves to laugh, dance, sing, watch movies and run around naked in the rain. Sound appealing? Do we have something in common? If so, write me. Well-written responses not mandatory. Reply BT Box JA15A.

**Will The Real Lover Please Step Forward?**

I am thirty-something, exceptionally cute, soft butch of center, warm, charming and bright. I enjoy conversation, quiet time, dining in/out, watching films, live performances, listening to a wide range of music and cuddling. I am recovery minded and explore various levels of healing through body movement, martial arts, visual arts and sound. You are androgynous, 25-45, with a strong, firm, loving center. You are intellectually stimulating, emotionally courageous yet grounded. You are loyal, honest, sincere and open to experiencing new realms of life and sexual pleasure in a potentially wonderful relationship. You are respectful of spiritual growth quest and 12 step processes in others lives. You are a passionate physical lover, who enjoys cuddling up to sex, deep long kisses and bear hugs. You are positive and creative in your ongoing life endeavors. You have eloquent command over yourself and others. You don't settle for less. You are rich in personal integrity and extend solely from your heart. Prefer non-smoker and no S/M. Reply BT Box JA16A.

**Flannel Fetish**

Old-fashioned San Francisco Girl looking for intelligent single friends and ... 40s-50s with a good sense of humor who have simple pleasures. I'm a medium-short, not too tall chubette, non-smoker, very light drinker. Enjoy being outside with my dogs, gardening, films, Pedro Almodovar, jazz, baroque, reggae, calypso, motown, hip-hop, spicy food, camping. Reply BT Box JA17A or call ★★5096.

**Art Loving Dyke**

Art Oriented Armchair Politico with an unassuming demeanor is looking for someone to slither across the other side of art and ideas. An appreciation for noise or competence with your own craft appeal to me. Call ★★5097.

**Bossy Bottom**

Is searching for the top who can dominate her. Severe disciplinary measures are called for as I always seem to stay a step or two ahead. Prerequsite: sanity. Plusses: experience, authority, humor, sluttiness, honesty, courage, substance, intelligence, skills. Goal: gratifying, sensual, hedonistic, aching, smarting, piercing, throbbing, grinding, burning, torturous, irreverent, binding, horny, suffering, delectable, writhing, irresistable, compelling, satisfying, non-monogamous, thoroughly uncommitted affair. That's not asking for much, is it? Reply BT Box JA18A.

**Someone With Sense**

Three of them to be exact — a sense of humor, adventure and purpose — is what I'm looking for. San Francisco native, 40, with East Coast energy and West Coast heart, seeks similarly spirited individual for fun, friendship and love. I'm warm and personable, curious, enthusiastic, upbeat. Have a passion for travel, love theatre, dance and music. Always at a show or planning another trip. I love my work, which brings me in contact with bright, creative types. I believe in spirituality, good health and working for a better world, active in community causes. Although I'm busy with my life's work and play, I sure would like to meet someone travelling the same road, someone I could call comrade and colleague, someone I could caress and cherish as well. Non-smokers please. Reply BT Box JA19A or call ★★5098.

**Be Good to Me Baby**

Attractive tall black femme looking for a hot affair with a heavy dose of romance. If you are a tall slim butch, spiritually grounded, financially stable and living a life of your own, then let's see what's possible. PO Box 20942, Oakland 94620 or call ★★5099.

**Magic**

Show me yours and you'll see mine. Want to play, touch, create, explore & be wildly intimate? This tall, silvering 41y.o. butch of center is ready. I like to share outdoors, physical activities, travel, food, animals, kids & taking risks. Looking for open spirit & adventurous soul. Reply BT Box JA20A or call ★★5100.

**Rendezvous for Romance**

Quiet type with a good sense of humor is looking for a SF lesbian—someone who has a strong interest in the visual arts and understands juggling two worlds. Mine are a full time job and graduate school. Communicating and listening are prerequisites for a romantic involvement. Bonus points if you enjoy visiting museums. Reply BT Box JA21A or call ★★5101.

**Bad Boy (Spelled G-I-R-L)**

Wise old Amazon says: The butcher they are, the harder they come, then the better they are to top you. If you know what I mean, care to be real, are willing intimacy into your life, and have a spiritual program that includes self-love, honesty, compassion and joy, I'd like to meet you. Looking for Daddy or Bigger Boy that can handle my wise ass, tender heart, and inexperience at play from the bottom. You decide, can you turn this Rebel into a Boy Scout? Reply BT Box JA22A or call ★★5102.

**The Difference Between Single and Alone**

is friends, and I feel one can't have enough good friends. But I also miss having someone special in my life (my fault for being too busy). So I'm learning to slow down and smell the roses, and would like to meet someone who feels the same. I like photography, candlelight, sports, outdoors, music, singing and songwriting, sounds and mist of the ocean, motorcycles, cooking, good conversation and great laughter. I'm 36, 5'7", good looking, heavyset but athletic and reclaiming my fitness (by playing softball in the GSL, swimming, golf, walking), intelligent, funny, kindhearted, romantic, have strong hands (love to give/receive massage), and love the colors teal, purple and black (sometimes all together). Are you 27-40, non-smoker, light drinker, live in SF (or close), and want to start the new year exploring new friendship, romance and the other adventures? Pick up your pen or phone for starters and let's start by being friends and get to know each other! Reply BT Box JA23A or call ★★5103.

**Artists, Composers, Conjurers**

Songwriting lesbian with a passion for words, music, science, snuggling, deep laughter, ancient flavors, risks wants inspired dates. You're looking for kindred spirits, adventure buddies, maybe that longtime partnership. I'm a working class Jewish artist, serious about world justice, beauty & living well within my means. 1992 calls for action in good company. Ready? Let's go. Reply BT Box JA24A.

**Be My Sugarmama!**

European Dyke, 27, new to this city, is waiting for a gorgeous lesbian to take me out to beautiful places and to play with. I have an open mind, a big heart and a lot of love to give. Looks are not as important as how it feels to be with someone. I value clear communication, honesty and craziness. Call ★★5104.

**Green Hair**

Dichotomy. Passionate, intelligent, creative writer & jeweler, 29, 5'5", curvy, Aquarius, dyed-in-the-wool New Yorker (now ex-) seeks similar girl/woman for hanging out (Casa Loma, Klubstitute, etc.) maybe more. Into: leather, Lou Reed, travelling, King Missile, architecture, Soundgarden, erotica, L7, New Orleans, Edith Piaf, leather. Partial to beautiful, long-haired Wiccan bass players. No "long walks on the beach" without wet bar & walkman. Reply "Dichotomy," c/o 1800 Market St., #69D, SF 94102 or call ★★5105.

**Read Ads But Don't Reply I!**

Last issue you called twice but didn't leave your number. You're 21, blonde, and I'd like to meet you. Please call back. Tall, beautiful, slender women should also respond. I'm 27, in great shape, have a good career, attractive and too sexy for... this ad; but I feel awkward trying to pick up women at bars. Ready for romance, sex and friendship. Call ★★5106.

**Amorous**

Let's start by getting to know each other. I am an attractive lesbian, 30, 5'6", 120, outgoing, employed, witty, feminine, kind. I enjoy theater, music, sports, movies. You should be employed, slim, attractive, non-smoking, feminine, over 5'4" and fun. No drugs. Call ★★5107.

**Mutual Respect/Self Respect**

Critical qualities in any relationship. Looking for friends, companions, possible lover(s) with whom I can be myself, the fun, serious, sexual, intellectual, adventurous and crabby me. I enjoy music, long discussions and laughter. Age, Race, Class, Ethnicity, Size not unimportant, as they define who you are and how you relate to others. I am especially attracted to dark women, any race, funny, sexy, feminist, willing to explore emotions and sexuality and ideas about the world. Me: late 30s, intellectual, attractive, independent, mom, sexy, feminist, busy, available. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 170643, SF 94117 or call ★★5108.

**Have Shoes Will Travel**

I've shoes for many activities and open to collecting more. Balanced, very attractive, 30+ professional woman looking to share active and quiet times. Passionate about life, outdoors, food, friends, sun and fun. Enjoy bicycling, hiking, skating, dancing, skiing and traveling. I'm happy & considered a fun, reliable friend, but wanting a relationship to challenge me and to grow into. I'm demanding but with much to give. Call ★★5109.

**Comfortable and Ready**

I'm writing this ad for my best friend who I love. Warm, comfortable, loving, humble and professionally successful, she's ready for more. She's athletic and enjoys running, bicycling, hiking, skiing, skating and more. A little shy initially, she's able to risk with the right person. She's well-travelled and eager to try new experiences. Please call her for dining, theater, sporting or travel. Call ★★5110.

# S

## SHARED INTEREST

**Running in Berkeley**

I love my daily runs but would like to have some company. I run 7-9 mins/mile X 5 miles or so, early AMs; longer and slower on weekends; occasional fast intervals; sometimes with FrontRunners. I am 45, 6', 163#, balding, HIV-neg., athletic, and I live in North Berkeley. Write PO Box 9056, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★5140.

**Bi/Gay Men's Abuse Survivors Group**

I would like to form a group in which men who have survived childhood emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse can support each other in uncovering the past, coping with the present, and building a future. Please send a list of times at which you can meet and some method of contacting you to PO Box 7881, Berkeley 94707.

**Pressure Cooker Luck**

Seeking others who wish to share macrobiotic meals on a regular basis, as in doing pot luck dinners at our homes. I have a very wide definition of macrobiotic, am a mid-thirties queer guy, and prefer people in geographically close areas to SF (Mission, Bernal Heights, Noe Valley, Castro, etc.) Beginners OK. Reply 2215-R Market St., #168 or call ★★5141.

**Mutual Creative Stimulation**

Seeking others who would like to experiment with writing, movement, music, art and improvisation for fun and mutual stimulation (eventual performance?). At first, using techniques from Impro by Keith Johnstone, Wild Mind by Natalie Goldberg, and "life-art" by Anna Halperin—gradually developing our own methods. No experience necessary, only a willingness to play and see what develops! Call ★★5142.

**Mah Jong Anyone?**

Leave message call ★★5143.

**Comic Book Fans Unite!**

I can't believe I'm the only adult GM in the world who still loves comic books. Mostly into mainstream D.C./Marvel. Hoping to meet other guys to talk about comics with and maybe cruise comic cons and bookstores together. Reply BT Box JA600A or call ★★5144.

**Party Posse**

Are you... articulate, sharp, intelligent? ... Artistic and/or politically progressive but fun? ... Respectful and accepting of people's many identities? ... Can you party till late morning without alcohol/drugs/ tobacco/ pot? If yes, call! Let's discuss W.E.B. DuBois, E.M. Forster, the '90s progressive agenda ... en route to Uranus, The Box, B Tropical, El Rio. Welcoming transsexuals, bisexuals, people of color, anyone with respect for self and others! No bigots, flakes! Call ★★5145.

**Bicycling**

I like weekend bicycle rides: locally, 15-20 mph X 10-40 miles; occasionally, out of town for longer distance tours (esp. in warmer seasons). Also do some work-outs like speeding up Mt. Tam or to Inspiration Point in Tilden. I am 45, 6', 163#, HIV-neg., balding, athletic, and live in Berkeley. When I can't do the Different Spokes ride, I'm on my own. Like some company? Please write PO Box 9056, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★5146.

**Roller Dykes**

Blades or four-wheelers, let's do the park, do the sidewalks, terrorize tourists on downtown sidewalks, do the bridge. Slow or too fast is OK by me, just gimme a call ★★5147.

**Looking for a Co-Parent or Known Donor?**

A group is forming for you to meet lesbians and gay men who are seeking to get involved in a co-parent or known donor situation. It will be both a social group and discussion group where you can discuss your hopes, desires and fears of children and family. PO Box 14911, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★5148.

**Gay Fraternal Organization**

Are you someone who demands financial success and the privileges associated with power? Become a founding member of exclusive, gay fraternal organization. "Forbes" is committed to membership support, power and leadership through discreet networking and private gatherings. Membership requires extreme success motivation — but potential as important as current status. Bush and Kissinger have "Skull and Bones." "Forbes" is yours. Replies confidential. PO Box 191025, SF 94119 or call ★★5149.

**Sports Partner/Playmate**

Lesbian, 39, looking for tennis, running, bicycling or general exercise mates. Former college tennis and racquetball player, admittedly rusty, wants to get my game back again. I live in SF, would like to meet others who want to work together to get back in shape. I've been running 5Ks but would like to work up to more. Write PO Box 170643, SF 94117 or call ★★5150.

**Let's Do Things**

Mature Richmond Lesbian seeks buddies, F, M, TS, etc., for theatre, concerts, jazz, dining, cinema, sailing, fishing, plinking, walks, picnics, E.B. or SF. Please be intelligent conversationalist. Reply BT Box JA601A.

**Laid Back Lesbians**

After three years I'm craving the company of other lesbians from rural/ Southern/ mountain backgrounds who love the city, but occasionally miss nights back home hanging out at the Pizza Hut. Let's meet at the Round Table nearest by and dish Dame Edna for an evening. Couples, singles, new in town welcome. Call ★★5151.

# Bi

## BISEXUAL

**Seriously Nurturing Dyke Daddy**

Looking for my little girl (probably 30+) for intense S/M relationship. You can be butch or femme—born male or female. A powerful spirit in your own right. Powerful enough to give it all to Daddy. Can you take a big one? Play all night? Do as you're told? Let's talk about it. Novices, transsexuals, crossdressers, former heavy tops especially welcome. Reply BT Box JA300A or call ★★5115.

**Boy Seeks Girl**

interested in parenting/marriage; 36, healthy, handsome; responsible, independent, emotionally and financially stable, gay-identified, enjoy cafes, bookstores, thrift stores, looking for female—independent, attractive, healthy, financially stable. Are you as weary as me of restrictive role expectations, labels, borrowed rituals? Let's define another type of relationship. What do you want? What can you give? What do you need? Box 421557, SF 94102 or call ★★5116.

**Long Haired Beauty**

Young male, down to earth, mellow and easygoing, shy at first, easily persuaded and gullible, seeks a female friend with a strong and aggressive personality or a male friend who is very in tuned with his female side. Real women, as well as transvestites and transsexuals of either sex please respond. Thanks. Reply BT Box JA301A or call ★★5117.

**Can Fantasy Become Real?**

Handsome, professional GWM (up to now) is exceedingly anxious to fulfill a newly discovered fantasy of being intimate with a very thin bi or straight woman. I have an awfully good sense of humor, gym toned 5'9", 170 pound body, dark hair, moustache, 40s (look 30s), HIV-negative, don't smoke, drink or drug. I'm entirely sincere and willing to respect any level of intimacy you wish. Reply BT Box JA302A or call ★★5118.

**Why Live ½ Life at a Time?**

Are you a woman who resents having to alternatively give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 32, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated 3-way relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We are enthusiastic, passionate, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, traveling, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, theater, cafes, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★5119.

**Pretty Femme Boy**

loves to play between the traditional lines of gender. I'm bisexual and multifaceted and, consequently, I enjoy doing the transgend-dance in many ways. Come join me through the looking glass. I look hot in leather, lace, latex, satin, etc. (My wardrobe is a sight to behold). I'm into TLC as well as exotic/erotic sexuality. PO Box 5112, Larkspur 99977 or call ★★5120.

**Long-Distance Lover**

I'm 25, 5'9", 211lbs. of pure pleasure. I'm looking for a friend to constantly correspond with. I have a heart that loves and wants to be loved. Love has no color so all can write this lonely man anytime. Box 421752, SF 94142-1752 or call ★★5121.

**Are You Experienced?**

Bi-friendly lesbian seeks new single pals for adventures of mind, spirit and potentially body. Shared passions: art, artists, music, laughter, justice, snuggling, folklore, good food, storytelling, chutzpah (courage). If you work for a living or by your hands and know more than a bit about Jewish women, intimacy and honest fun—write and invite me out. Reply BT Box JA303A.

# M

## M E N

**Let's Get Physical**

Show me yours... and I'll show you mine if you're looking for safe, sexy, sweaty, sexual adventure with a versatile, goodlooking, young acting, affectionate, sensual, smooth, educated BM, 6', 185lbs., gym-toned, nice guy. Masculine, muscular, young-thinking GW or Latin sex buddies are encouraged to reply. I'm into hugging, touching, hot nipples, pornography, laughing, toys? Curious...? Photo (exchanged) Boxholder, PO Box 190182, SF 94119 or call ★★5225.

**Anglo-Saxon Celtic Christian**

I'm a vibrant, goodlooking, trustworthy, intelligent, witty, well-traveled, well-educated, romantic, 6'1", 195lbs., brown hair and eyes, youthful mid-40s GWM in excellent health (HIV-) with a muscular athletic build. I'm not a run-of-the-mill Christian who parks his brains at the church door before entering. I do a lot of studying, thinking and researching about the Scriptures. And I hold fast to the truth. I adhere to Christian ethics and strive for more complete grasp of the Bible's exegetic message — the Gospel of personal salvation and the evangel of national redemption. Interests: Biblical archaeology, ancient history, psychology, HWA, QDE, PI, investment strategies, fitness, nutrition, vitamins, music, movies, travel, dancing, cuddling, etc. I'm searching for an attractive GWM (28-45) life-partner with Christian values who, like me, lives a health-conscious lifestyle (HIV-negative) keeping fit with exercise (aerobic and BB) with no smoking, no drugs and moderate consumption of alcohol. If this has aroused your curiosity and you would like to know more, please send me a descriptive letter (photo or sketch is optional). Who knows! This may be the beginning of our most romantic adventure in this lifetime. Write to: ASC, PO Box 882404, SF 94188-2404.

**Back Street Affair?**

I'm sexy, masculine and well-adjusted. All is fine at home, but looking for a complement. If you saw me, you might say, "He's really cute... a nice body and a great smile." I'm reliable, smart and a good listener. I'm mid-30s, 5'8", 145#, green eyes, brown hair, HIV-. You be friendly, masculine with a hot body. Call ★★5226.

**Asian Seeker**

GAM, 5'7", 135, very handsome and young 40s, HIV-negative, seeks other GAM or GM, any race, for relationship and/or friendship. Am energetic, fit, healthy, flexible, open, and stable, with many interests. Prefer that you be non-smoker, in control of your life, healthy and balanced. Send/leave phone and photo, if possible, to DP, PO Box 471583, SF 94147-1583 or call ★★5227.

**Swarthy Bear Wanted**

Long haired, bearded bear 5'11", 170, wants to share intellectual stimulation, cultural experiences, and outdoor adventures with a man who wants more than an assignation. If you care about communication, honesty, hiking, good food and developing an emotional connection,

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**Lots to Love**

Maybe you find big guys a big turn on. Maybe you'd like an older brother. Maybe you'd like a WM, 45, 5′11″, 230, who's masculine, handsome, slightly unconventional, somewhat dominant, tough, helpful, tender and looking for a guy who's somewhat submissive but strong and self-reliant and not hung up on hung, hairy or possessions. Write Boxholder, PO Box 424986, SF 94142 or call ★★5229.

**Old Fat Unattractive**

Intelligent, sincere, honest, kindhearted, retired GAM seeks young or old gay men for daytime social friendship card game, etc. PO Box 460534, SF 94146 or call ★★5230.

**Can't Miss**

Healthy—personally, emotionally and financially. Attractive (I think so), fairly modest, a bit shy, and have good senses (of humor, style and safety). Bored of bars, love to dance (any suggestions?). Cal season ticket-holder who needs a pal for weekend games. GWM, 5′8″, 145lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, 42, an Oakland dweller (not afraid of sparks) seeking subtly aggressive counterpart. Moustache, a plus. Call ★★5231.

**Moderate Outside, Queer Inside**

Your suit and tie exterior doesn't deny your queer interior. You're n/s n/d, physically/mentally energetic, appreciate high art/low life. You're at ease discussing current events, watching the game, or at the movies. Proudly doofus negative and sex positive, you're probably HIV-, 35-52, have a lean to muscular build. I'm a 5′10″, 198, muscular GBM with a life and ready for more. Let's hang out. Reply BT Box JA90A.

**Santa Cruz Sweetie**

Fit funloving GWM, youthful 44, HIV-neg. I enjoy hiking, gardening, bike rides, travel, good food, the arts. I'm bright, cute, loyal, affectionate, energetic, open and honest. Am seeking HIV-neg. playmate for cuddling, companionship, and hopefully a healthy relationship. Non-smoker. South Bay, Santa Cruz or Monterey areas preferred. Photo appreciated and returned with mine. Reply BT Box JA91A.

**Sophisticated**

GWM, 5′8″, 150lbs., blu/brn, gym toned, clean-shaven, HIV-, many interests, intelligent, college educated, professional, good sense of humor, outgoing, sexually versatile, wants to share good times, travel, restaurants, bicycling, bridge, time at home, with similar male, any race to age 45. Your picture gets mine. PO Box 471552, SF 94147 or call ★★5232.

**Friendly Oral**

Very talented, late 30s, 5′10″, 160lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Call ★★5233.

**Given Up**

I hereby surrender this maniacal hunt I undertook to find you, realizing that such an important event can't be orchestrated. My sincere apologies to those who looked to me with the same hopes and were turned away. My apologies also to D. for being blinded by lust and for the unwanted calls. Someday you and I will meet. I'll wait.

**I Like Boyish Types!**

Either in age (20-40), height (under 6′), outlook (optimistic) or charm. Prefer slim, versatile, attractive, Caucasian, cut, nonsmoker in SF, easygoing with sense of humor, for fun times, possible relationship, dinner, movies, nite-clubbing, weekend excursions, etc. I'm GWM, 35, 5′9″, 150, trim, dark blond, blue eyes, HIV-, interests include music, art, photo, food, camping, aerobics, travel. Photo appreciated & returned. Reply BT Box JA92A or call ★★5234.

**Tired of Being Peripheral**

Bottom wants top who wants someone to count in his life. If work, politics, art, bars, whatever, leaves you little time for lover, if you dream of Jeannie or Mom or exotic boytoys, leave me be. I'm 39, fit, HIV-, attractive, FA/GP, smart, kind, friendly, creative. Outside interests are great—I have my own—but love matters too. Call ★★5235.

**Inside/Outside**

Me: outside—GWM 5′7″, 25yo, longhaired professional, arrogant lion, eastcoast educated, intense, brutally honest, hip noncomformist. Inside—QM, 15yo lonely kid, kitten, streetsmart, troubled but healing, loving and affectionate sun-spirit. You: outside +/-10 yrs., little or no facial hair, communicative and youthful. Inside—stable but not boring, patient, affectionate and not afraid to fall in love. Us: dating, sex, romance, relationship—any or all. Call ★★5236.

**Delayed Fuse**

Mid-aged guy, slim build, dark moustache/beard, bald on top, positive nature, profound sense of humor. Loves music, movies, nature, jigsaw/crossword puzzles, some political activity, possibly also you. Due to certain medications (not HIV-related) my body has an unpredictable arousal/response cycle, timing occasionally off or faulty. Seeking similar or willing partner for happy bedroom activities. Maybe something really nice can cum from this? Reply Boxholder, PO Box 460305, SF 94146 or call ★★5237.

**New From Ronco!**

It's the fabulous new "Boy-o-Matic." Originally released in 1961 (as "Baby-o-Matic") this updated model features an All-American, 5′10″ 140-pound GWM whose charm and smile are guaranteed to last all year long! He's smart, funny and politically correct! But wait—there's more! He reads, travels, works, works out and cooks! (Yes, he even slices and dices!) Firm and sturdy construction, he's perfect for any room of the house and safe in the bedroom! What would you pay for such a quality guy? Well folks, to the right attractive, young (25-35) and intelligent GWM, we're giving him away! He functions best with an easy-going romantic man who has a sense of humor and a lot of interests. Exceptional guys encouraged to act now! Photo gets a bamboo steamer! Boxholder, PO Box 460856, SF 94146-0856.

**Danger!**

GWM 35—looks older! I've got everyone fooled. Tall, handsome, forbidding-looking, actually a shy bottom. Look 40+, but just turned 35. Definitely improving with the years. Varied interests—art, antiques, reading, hikes, dogs (big), music, non-smoking, HIV- men over 32, up to 6′1″ & always top. SF only, please, and be out & not living with Mom. 2215-R Market St., #512, SF 94114 or call ★★5238.

**If**

...you would enjoy a GWM friend, 50, 5′11″, 135lbs., HIV-, who takes you seriously, listens, understands, and responds, I would like to hear from you (if you are not more than 40). Photo appreciated. I enjoy quiet conversation with very ordinary, warm, nice people, fascinating places, big cities, natural settings, and cultural events. Reply to: Boxholder, PO Box 2282, SF 94126.

**Muscle Bear**

Bearded, balding, blue-eyed bear with an easy smile and hairy body built for daily workouts looking to meet others. Late 30s, 5′9″, 180#, with broad shoulders, a chest that makes a great pillow for cuddling, and a 32″ waist, all covered with light brown fur. Many interests including leather, photography, dancing (from Rawhide to Pleasuredome), bodybuilding, music and the outdoors; open to exploring. I don't smoke and prefer same; beyond that I would rather hear from you than list my fantasies. I'm part grizzly/part teddy bear who wants man-to-man intimacy; partners describe me as a top. Prefer to exchange letter and photo to make contact. Boxholder Bear, Box 14591, SF 94114 or call ★★5239.

**Brown Eyes Are Beautiful**

I'm looking for compatible men to share outdoor adventure, friendship, and should interpersonal chemistry allow... a loving relationship. I am handsome, well-built, emotionally astute, expressive, warm, alternately artfully goofy and dead serious. Also, 36 years, HIV-negative, 5′10″, 165 athletic lbs., brown/brown, non-smoker. Things I look for in others: Open-heartedness, ability and willingness to share internal experience, integration of a well developed body and refined mind. Strong preference for dark features, HIV-negative. Call ★★5240.

**Let's Start 1992 Together**

I'm ready for a special relationship with a youthful-looking, independent man around my age. GAM, 41, 5′3″, 125#, likes to meet and develop a relationship with a man who shares some of my interests. They are: music (classical, operas and some jazz), arts and sciences, outdoors, PBS, NPR, movies and current events. I also like "The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd." Passionate love affairs are fun when they last, but I'm looking for something more permanent. I'm a professional, loving, kind, healthy, educated and have a sense of humor. I'm also masculine and level-headed with romance at heart. Write to PO Box 41423, San Jose 95160 or call ★★5241.

**Student Seeks Friendship/Companionship**

Gay Asian Male, 5′4″, 130lbs., 27yo, seeks man 20-35 for honest and sincere companionship. Prefer non-smoker, non- or light drinker, drug free, goal-oriented. I enjoy reading, cooking, exercising, listening to pop music, doing fun things. Please write to: T.Q., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★5176.

**Best Friends/Lovers**

I'm looking for a special person to share my life. I'm 34, handsome GWM, 6′, 165#, clean-cut, HIV-neg. I'm a stable prof. with interests including clubs, cafes, art, motorcycle riding, spontaneous exploration, alternative music and old sitcoms. I'm honest, open-minded and have a disarming sense of humor. Hopefully we can share some interests and learn some new ones from each other. You are my age or younger, light to non-drinker, affectionate, financially and psychologically stable and looking for a long-term, monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box JA70A or call ★★5177.

**Leather Christmas Stocking**

Great Hairy Pecs, winning smile, soft greenish-brown eyes on masculine, aggressive animal, 38, HIV-. Tie this one to your mantle, hang balls low below, stoke up a fire, give commands and make your fantasies come true for life! Photo available for your review. Ready and willing to travel or relocate for dungeon duty. You're in charge, Sir! 5 Town & Country Village, Box #728, San Jose 95128-2026.

**Nice Guy in Menlo Park**

Unpretentious GWM, 46, looking for friends who are sensitive to dysfunctional family issues and have a gay rights consciousness. You're intelligent, affectionate, 30-55, between 5′6″ to 5′11″, a non-smoker, listener and drug free. You like the beach, bicycling, theater, musicals, books, lively conversations, and traveling. You're lighthearted, artistic, more suburban than urban, and have a kind sense of humor. I'm attractive, intelligent, have brown hair and eyes, 5′7″, healthy and vegetarian. I like good and bad puns, classical music, bicycling, animals, nature, hiking, movies, reading, domestic and foreign travel. I'm financially secure, creative, resourceful, generous, thoughtful and friendly. I like ethnic restaurants, hairy chests, warm weather, blue eyes, and sunny places. I enjoy being around guys who are supportive, honest and comfortable being gay. If you have some of these qualities, are interested and available, Reply Boxholder, PO Box 2532, Menlo Park, CA 94026 or call ★★5178.

**Puerto Rican Encounter**

Handsome GBM, 35, 180, 6′1″, warm, sensitive, educated, enjoy dinner parties, movies, theater, ambitious, career oriented, stable, independent. Seeking easygoing, fit, 30s to early 40s, HIV+/- any race with a sense of humor, 6′ tall+ to watch the 49ers or just read a book in front of the fireplace and enjoy life. Maybe play some tennis or go to the gym. Shared interests are not essential. But positive outlook in life with a sense of humor is. Yes, there are black bottom Puerto Ricans waiting to meet you. Send Photo/Reply BT Box JA71A or call ★★5179.

**Spanking Stepdad Wanted**

Sincere WM, youthful 42, 6′2″, 174lbs, trim, blue eyes, nice smooth buns, HIV-negative, seeks warmhearted, strict but caring stepdad who knows how to administer traditional corporal punishment with hand, maybe strap, to disobedient young man. Prefer over 46, any race, spiritual, somewhat fit; attitude more important than looks. Prefer warm friendship with No Sex! In letter, please say enough. Reply PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

**Flex Your Muscles**

WM, 5′6″, 155lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★5180.

**Retromingent Retrovirus**

got you down? Tired of poking the channel changer instead of your honey? This energetic, eclectic 5′9″, 157, 40ish, QWM AIDS widow (8 great years), bored with cliched scenes and people, wants to pair with other active clean-shaven HIV+ (AIDS/ARC OK) younger non-clones for fun, support and affection. Artistic, musical, punk, queer-political are plusses. Money, muscles, social and dick status irrelevant. Call ★★5181.

**Latino Gordito!**

Donde te escondes? Ya no quiero estar sin ti y necesito la seguridad de tus brazos. Tu: latino gordito, guapo, estudiante universitario o profesionista, de bigote/barba, 23-35 anos. No fumas ni usas drogas y eres sano (HIV-). Eres macho pero tierno, fiel, afectuoso, honrado, sincero y carinoso. Te encanta lo romantico y sabes gozar de la vida. Deseas amar y ser amado de veridad. Buscas relacion monogama, estable y duradera conmigo: latino guapo, gordito (5′8″, 185) de aspecto buga, ojos verdes, bigotes, 28 anos, estudiante graduado. Sabre bien cuidarte. Empecemos juntos el amor mas fantastico de nuestras vidas. Responde (de preferencia con foto) a Box 72095, Davis 95617.

**A Balanced Life Together**

Handsome, prof. GWM, light brown hair, blue/green eyes, 5′11″, 155lbs., clean-cut, boy-next-door good looks (not a small accomplishment for mid-40s) wants to meet equally youthful but mature GWM to permanently share bed and breakfast. Please answer if you want a monogamous relationship with a balance of outdoor, cultural and home oriented activities. Do you value financial stability, a good sense of humor, sensitivity, honesty and being comfortable with the gentle aspects of your personality? Are you active, health conscious, enjoy the fine arts, travel, reading, animals and keeping current on the ways of the world? Hopefully, you'll also have a slim to average build, average or proportioned endowment and be an HIV- non-smoker like me. I'm a comfortable and affectionate lover who is happy sharing the responsibilities of lovemaking. Photo appreciated and returned with mine. Reply BT Box JA72A or call ★★5182.

**Professional Seeks Relationship**

GWM, 6′2″, 180, HIV-, 29, seeks man 25-40 for mature monogamous relationship. I enjoy weight lifting, running, long walks on the beach, cooking pasta, and long, safe, romantic nights. I'm intelligent, analytical yet intuitive, sensitive yet strong, creative, personable, outgoing, romantic and passionate. Will answer all responses. PO Box 9875, Stanford 94305 or call ★★5183.

**Tall "All-American" Type**

GWM, 29, 6′5″, 200lbs., brown hair, green eyes, collegiate, athletic type, masculine, professional, successful, fun guy, HIV-negative. Seeks similar guy who enjoys: the gym, progressive music, weekend getaways and shares a good sense of humor and a positive outlook on life. I live an hour (East) from San Francisco (own a house in the "Burbs"). Looking forward to the possibilities. Call ★★5184.

**Bottoms Up**

That's Me. Hard, Eager and maybe a Bit Nasty — that's you. East Bay GBM, masculine, smoker, almost 40, 5′4″, 145, bubble butt, needs verbal, seductive, oversexed HIV- top in reasonable shape. Must relish being on top as much as I enjoy being bottom. Not looking for shared interests, just lots of safe hot sex. Even so, we need to feel comfortable, at ease, and desirous when we are together, so let's meet and see what comes up. Reply BT Box JA73A or call ★★5185.

**Handsome Irishman**

GWM 26, 6′, 150lbs., blue/brown, Masc. Professional non-smoker HIV- enjoys dogs, movies, dancing, music. Not heavily into the bar scene. Seeking masculine, muscular, clean shaven HIV- guys to date. Photo appreciated. Respond PO Box 460024, SF 94146.

**Ready to Try Again**

Reserved goodlooking career-oriented GLM 40, 5′5″, 170#, dark brown eyes, short brown hair greying at the temples, moustache, sincere, well-educated (Ph.D. student), sexually versatile, HIV-negative, employed (nurse psychotherapist). Family is important to me. Enjoy aerobics, symphony, walk along the beach, exploring the city and the wine country. Would like to learn the two step, would you teach me? Seeking warm-hearted, sincere, compassionate, sexually versatile, non-pretentious, relationship oriented HIV-negative GWM, GBM, GAM, non-smoker, non-drug, non- to light drinker. Weight in proportion to height, 35-45. You are able to stand on your own two feet, are sure of yourself, can communicate what you want and are comfortable with your gayness and with public affection. Would also prefer a man who is middle of the road with regard to the masculine-femininity spectrum, not too macho and not too feminine. Photo (xerox) welcomed. Reply BT Box JA74A or call ★★5186.

**Young White Male 18-25**

I'm looking for a young white male who is sincere, intelligent, articulate, attractive, masculine and who has a trim boyish swimmer's body with minimal body hair. Someone who would be interested in a buddy/ "kid brother"/ mentor (not S&M) relationship with a GWM 40 years old. 5′9″, 150 pounds, HIV-negative. I'm sensitive, emotional, affectionate, and a good listener. I don't use tobacco, alcohol, or other recreational drugs and I don't like the bar scene. I enjoy movies, reading, long walks, weekends away, and time with friends. Send me a note along with your photograph and say hello but please don't waste my time or yours if you do not fit the description above. Write to: Boxholder, 2261 Market St., #451, SF 94114.

**Husky Dad**

Masculine, Good Looking, Bearded HIV-negative, clean, straight acting and looking, sports minded Dad looking for same or hairy cubs to cuddle. Facial photo and phone number get immediate response. PO Box 722, Campbell CA 95009 or call ★★5187.

**Assume The Position**

Over my knee for quick, fun slaps with my hand or ? until your beefy buns glow. Gdlkg GWM, 20s, friendly, nicely endowed, good hands, will administer well-deserved warming to your rear if you are under 30 & in good shape. Wear your tightest jeans & get over my knee to fulfill your discipline fantasies. Sound good? Then I'd like to hear from you. Reply BT Box JA75A or call ★★5188.

**Santa Baby**

GWM 39 handsome look much younger, 5′5″, green eyes, brn hair, slender build, HIV+, healthy, sensitive, good sense of humor, many interests: horseback riding, movies, beach, reading, dining out, cooking, concerts, staying at home in front of the fire. Comfortable in jeans or a tux. I'm a bottom boy. You: Masculine, husky top in your 40s, easy going and affectionate, with similar interests. You might be a daddy-type. How about a little romance? Cuddling and good kissers a plus. To find out which chimney, write Santa, PO Box 2584, Sausalito 94966. Your photo gets mine.

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**Partner Inquiry**

Mature professional, near 50, 6'2", 195#, hard worker and difficult to please, prominent business owner, HIV-, interested in dynamic, younger, fit gentleman who likes older, distinguished men in general and is seeking one in particular. Prefer confident gent who is "on his way," stable, wants to achieve and shine, can contribute to a dynamic team, can cook and entertain impressively, who enjoys being supportive in a large group or with just the two of us. Likes sharing and initiating romantic interludes. More professional and polished than passionate and ribald. Should be naturally drawn to art, film, music, sports, walking and good conversation with humor. Sound like you? Then send a descriptive letter with photo to BT Box JA76A.

**We Play Together**

2 QWM over 6', cleanshaven, HIV-, together 9 years (30/37) looking for bottoms who want fulfillment in all the right places. Safe, in-shape and cleanshaven only. 21-35 any race. Reply BT Box JA77A or call ★★5190.

**Large Belly??**

Do you have a large, prominent belly? One that sticks way out over your jeans? If so, this masculine, good-looking, slender, 31-year-old GWM who is 6'2", 170 with brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, wants to hear from you now. Call ★★5191.

**Contra Costa Stud**

Just moved from the City and don't know a soul. Would like to be pleasantly surprised! I'm 31, sexy, 5'10", 160#, hot body. Looking to meet a new set of guys around my age; friendship, sex, anything and everything. Athletically inclined, bright, successful and love to have a good time. Are there other hot guys out here? Let me hear from you. Call ★★5192.

**Hot Winter Romance**

Me: Great Looking, easygoing, fun loving, affectionate, college educated, 6'1", 180, brn/brn, HIV-, mid 30s, career oriented, professional, honest, humorous, versatile, masculine. You: Similar, physically active & fit, 25-40, blond and/or smooth a plus, emotionally avail. Looking for fun and hopefully more. Interests: skiing, mtn biking, gym, aerobics, home/garden improvement, travel, romance, wind surfing, sailing. Let's meet & see if it's right for a second date. Reply BT Box JA78A or call ★★5193.

**Hispanic Guy**

18, 155, 5'10", seeks white male -30. We both are inexperienced, HIV-, not into drugs, cleanshaven, Christian, willing to build a serious relationship (monogamous, that is). I like running, going out, foreign languages and meeting people. Turn ons: blue eyes, romantic yet not so corny straight acting guys. Turn offs: earrings, baldness, profanity, lies and sex without love. Try me now. Call ★★5194.

**Ski & Soul Mate**

Goodlooking, masculine 25 yr old GWM seeking mature GWM or GAM (21-35) for mid-week ski trips, and possible relationship. I have Squaw Valley Condo and 4 WD truck. I am handsome, smooth, muscular, intelligent, caring and funny. Looking for ski partner with similar attributes. Advanced skier a plus. No heavy booze or drugs. Let's go skiing and get to know each other. Please send photo description and phone number to: Boxholder, 3315 Sacramento St., #241, SF 94118.

**Asian Lust**

Wanted by WM, HIV-, 37, 6'2", 174, uninhibited, passionate and well put together in every way. Call ★★5195.

**Intelligent Regular Guy**

GWM, 34, 6', 190, brn/brn, honest, candid, down to earth, seeks similar, 25-50, for whatever develops. Interests include running, skiing, gym, outdoors, country/oldies music. Dislikes include substance abuse (including smoking), obesity, affectation, pretention. Respond with descriptive note to PO Box 881241, SF 94188 or call ★★5196.

**Honesty Pays**

WM, educated, disease free, don't smoke or do drugs, mature, 5'8", 150, trim, hung, seeks other males, any race/age who are honest, HIV-neg., drug free, not into game playing or one timers. Bi or married OK. Asian a big plus, also hung Blacks, but all welcome. I'm versatile, earthy, practice safe sex, no S&M. I live near Oakland, can travel. Boxholder, PO Box 5294 Pleasanton, CA 94566.

**A Healthy Cowboy**

Who is 6'1", 180lbs., 35yo (looks 25) thick dark brown hair, hazel eyes, w/33, l/36, enjoys riding horses regularly along with other sports, educated, successful, masculine good looks, romatnic, wild sexual appetite. I'm looking for my twin All-American brother, 25-35, matching description of me above with whom to explore friendship, fun, intimacy. I want to learn to satisfy your manly intellectual and physical desires. (Safe HIV- only). Call me. Let's talk. Call ★★5197.

**East Bay, Sensuous, Irish-American Blond!**

Seeks HIV- Romantic Gay Man for heart to heart intimacy with intellect... I am a 37-year-old, attractive, wearing wire rimmed specs, HIV-, bottomish, easy going, 5'8", 145, smooth, solid, still tan, musc. body. I have a weakness for dominant, gentle hairy men who want a committed, loving relationship. Reply BT Box JA79A or call ★★5198.

**Muscular Hairy Legs**

Are the ultimate turn on for this classy, brainy, handsome, smooth, muscular 6' blond. I'm HIV-, very oral, looking for a fit, confident, intelligent, HIV- man who is excessively hairy below the waist, who loves getting head and his hairy legs licked, and who gets off on the fetish overtones of this ad. Safe Sex only. Call ★★5199.

**Greek Ideal**

Handsome HIV- GWM who pursues truth, beauty and excellence in attainment of all areas of life seeks partner/soul-match. Am quite bright, gym-defined, 150# & 5'9", mustachioed & clear blue-eyed, successful & substance-free, young looking 42 professional/writer. Main pursuits: bodybuilding and creative cooking; working and writing; meditation and movies; reading novels and reaching out. Seek similar man with well-proportioned and muscular physique who is masculine, independent, responsible and true. Call ★★5200.

**Straight Appearing, Handsome**

GWM, 31, 6'2", 170, brown/green, looking to meet a goodlooking, masculine white male who is intelligent, in good shape, and wants to date a caring, energetic professional. I'm attracted to hard working guys who don't smoke, have lots of energy and enjoy spending their weekends outdoors. I'm HIV- and enjoy kissing, oral sex and sleeping together. Returnable photo/phone to Boxholder, PO Box 1039, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★5201.

**Friend Then Lover**

28 yr old 6'2" 210lbs., good looking with mustache, straight acting (HIV-) seeks friend for walks, travel, camping, bicycling, hiking, movies and boating trips, must be honest, caring and willing to be friends first then whatever may happen next. Any race 20-34. Reply with photo and address. You won't be disappointed. PO Box 53732, San Jose 95153.

**Heads Up**

This All-American Boy seeks a hot guy who enjoys giving long slow hot head. I am 5'11", blond hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, muscular smooth chest, muscular hairy legs, well hung and cut. Not looking for a relationship or commitment, just hot encounters. Dark and hairy A+ but not necessary. Please send descriptive letter with photo: 2443 Fillmore St., Box 173, SF 94115.

**Lake Merritt**

Beautiful Young SWM working class intellectual "Old Religionist" into El-Yaw (Anat perhaps) not David-Jonathan. Dreams of masculine big brother in spanking clean underwear and flannel shirts for lifelong courtship learning love and trust. Find in me a strong fortress ringed with fire, a shield-mate ready to spring to your side, a strong equal prepared to worship at your feet. Happy Yule, Bro. Call ★★5202.

**Charm My Pants Off**

If you've got the verve, I've got the nerve. GWM 32yo HIV+, healthy, decent body, attractive, bearded, seeks good-looking mature and sexy magician who shares interests in romance, safe and wild sex, cinema, dining in and out, cat maintenance, Scrabble and more. Objectives: relationship, breakfasts in bed, laughs and the happy ending. Letter with photo to BT Box JA80A or call ★★5203.

**Are You For Me?**

Are you a versatile, cuddly, HIV-, GWM, 32±3 years, 5'9" to 6'2", and under 190lbs? (Extra points for long haired, collegiate, with car.) Do you strive to be marriageable, monogamous, and sexually generous? Are you interested in developing a lasting friendship? Send replies and comments to: "My Peer!" PO Box 561, Brisbane, CA 94005-0561.

**Nice and Sincere Will Work!**

Busy GWM, HIV professional, looking for progressive intelligent man with strong sense of himself and what he wants in life, 35-40. I have a 12-step background, HIV-. Enjoy classical music, reading, movies, long walks, travel (Paris), Big Ten basketball, riding my bike, working out (sometimes), hopelessly romantic. 42, 5'9", 152lbs. Photo appreciated and returned with mine. Reply BT Box JA81A.

**Seeking GAM**

This attractive GWM, muscular, early 40s, 160lbs., moustache, seeks GAM for fun encounters. Whatever your fantasy: What feels good and what is safe. You should be HIV-, early 20s to mid-30s, in good shape, attractive. Introduce me to something new. Let me introduce you to something new as well. Whatever is possible. Extra points for great smile. Call ★★5204.

**Smells Like Teen Spirit**

Wholesome Anarchist desires beautiful brooding youngsters (18+) for physical, mental and emotional torture. Pubic hair a plus, but not necessary. Reply BT Box JA82A or call ★★5205.

**Heart, Mind and Muscles**

Highly Intelligent Bodybuilder with handsome Asian/Latin youthful features, professional career, educated mind, beautiful, smooth, defined muscular physique, athletic grace, sunshine personality, masculinity tempered with sentimentality and sensitivity. Seeks strong passion, sensuous romance, noble friendship... enduring love. You should have similar but not necessarily identical qualities. Photo exchange before meeting? Letter/photo to 584 Castro St., #204, SF 94114.

**I'm a 36-year-old**

Veteran of a nine-year relationship. Four years later, I'd like a lifemate, or at least a boyfriend. I'm an unusual man: I have a busy homelife, enjoy reading, cooking and eating great food, raising my kids and animals. Intelligent and introspective, I value conversation and companionship. Romantic streak a mile wide. Big heart. Playful. Honesty is high on my list, tactlessness is not. Friends tell me I come off so independent, I appear not to need anybody else, so I'm working on that. Laundry lists seem counterproductive, but I envision a partner who feels deeply, communicates even when it's tough, desires companionship, will work out with me, likes kids, goes through life with class and passion, and is real trash in bed (I tend toward leather and kink myself ... what's in your closet?) I'm looking for someone pretty special, and have a lot to offer in return. Reply BT Box JA83A or call ★★5206.

**For Husky WM Admirers Only**

I'm WM, 45, 5'10", 200#, good husky build, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs. I'm looking for a slim to medium build male to share a rewarding, uninhibited, creative, sexual friendship and whatever else develops. No Greek. Not into bars or one-nighters. I'm intelligent, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic. Risk the ridiculous and reach the sublime. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

**Looking for Someone to Love**

I'm a hairy GWM 30, 5'4", 120lbs., blond/hazel eyes, and I'm into dancing and all types of music. I also like cuddling and spending quiet nights alone with the right man. I'm looking for a GM, HIV-, any race, masculine, physically fit, nonsmoker, 21-31, who believes in and is looking for a lifetime relationship. If interested, write PO Box 208, Pinole, CA 94564 or call ★★5207.

**Simplicity**

In my attempts at being artsy-fartsy and cute with the text and contents of this first time personal ad, the mantra "be honest and all will follow" will not desert my thoughts. I am a vulnerable, exciting, creative, caring, normal, well-rounded, warm, sometimes shy, mature, forever angelic 24-year-old guy. Exterior: 5'10", 160 lbs., blond hair, steel-blue eyes, fair skin and a nice, lean build. Interior: Incredibly beautiful heart and soul. Definitely not into the gay scene; looooove being gay. I appreciate my belief and love for a god, thunderous house music, Sunday morning at Guaymas, child-like innocence, honesty, the Louvre, horticulture, morning hard-ons, spontaneity, asking for what I want, silk boxers, Crayolas & margaritas, sharing, fresh laundry, moderation, Gaudi architecture, clean motives, whispering, letting down my walls, grand gourmet dinners, gratitude, the cool underside of a pillow, garlic, laughing at myself, making love (yes, with feelings and emotions), reciprocity, warm waters, playing/working hard, freesias, candles by the tub, London, positive attitudes, validation, being lazy, the incredible Mother Nature, intimacy, Europe ... and I could go on and on. I would enjoy hearing from emotionally available men between the ages of 25 and 45 who are interested in establishing a new friendship built on trust & respect and who are open to experiencing the wonderful possibilities of such a relationship. Not interested in the size of your cock, ex-lovers and/or ex-boyfriends; the capacity of your heart will make the difference. Please enclose photo (guaranteed return) with your descriptive response. Reply BT Box JA84A.

**Young 'Un for Older?**

Want to date fit younger man. By retired 60-yr-old in good shape whose activities include such as tennis and hiking to most performing arts. Am relatively undemanding, generous, nonsmoker. Call ★★5208.

**Friends/Lovers/Spiritual Partners**

Sharing life's journey together. We value consciousness growth, committed relationship as learning path, and simple, nonconsumerist lifestyle. I'm imperfect, compassionate, gentle, progressive, romantic, monogamous, over-educated, under-nurtured. Can be intense, deeply sensitive, playful, shy. Moving toward work in music & healing. Aspire to middle path of the Heart (mystical christian/buddhist/new thought). Enjoy music (renaissance, baroque, sacred, ethnic, new age), fine arts, psychology/philosophy, massage, hot tubs, bookstores, cafes, NPR, hearth & home. Like to play keyboards, sing, do arts/crafts, cook, read, dayhike, sunbathe, make love, cuddle, kiss, snuggle while sleeping. Not into popular culture, most movies/TV, rock, gyms, bars. Am 38, GWM, 6'1", 170, average build, love-handles, sandy, blue, mustache, attractive, HIV-. You share similar values, interests, qualities. Probably 33-43, SF/Berk/Oak. Write: Boxholder, #248, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★5209.

**Special Relationship**

Sought by masculine affectionate active SF professional mid 50, HIV-, 5'9", 140#, gray/brown hair, beard, nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinker. You're 40s-50s, masculine, fit, with a sense of humor, who enjoys home over the bar scene. Shared interests include travel, movies, music, theater, animals, wine, passionate sex, a touch of leather. Please write note with photo. All answered. Reply BT Box JA85A.

**Mature White Males 50+ Wanted**

GAM 50, 5'8", 145, uncut, nonsmoker, no drugs, non-alcoholic, seeks safe sex buddies. Enjoy visual arts, gardening and massages, cuddlers a plus. Will answer all who leave phone # or address. Need a friend? I can be one. Call ★★5210.

**Sex Buddies**

Attractive, in-shape GWM, 36, looking for pals, 25-45, for safe, affectionate play on a regular basis. I'm 5'11", 148 lbs., HIV-, cleanshaven and versatile. I like lean, muscular guys with well-developed chests. Let's bring in the New Year! Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box JA86A or call ★★5211.

**Where Is My Daddy?**

Experienced Leather Dad seeks leather boy (20-40) to train/share with. Bondage plus dungeon play is a beginning — to bond/share with a Real Man. No Nonsense — I hold you when you need it — punish you when needed and develop your senses to please both of us. Prove yourself to this Man. Cum belong/oral a must! You need what I offer. Phone #, photo? to PO Box 420927, SF 94142 or call ★★5212.

**Literate Leatherman**

41-yr-old attractive professional, HIV-, seeking to meet men 39-49, who are educated, sensitive, multifaceted, and have a sense of humor. Me: intelligent, considerate, honest, direct, intuitive, humorous, spiritually oriented, supportive, domesticated (though not in bed). Interests: the usual cultural activities, PBS, history, animals, reading, the gym, hiking, ethnic food, heavy kissing. Wanted: responsible men who are companionable, stable, sometimes mischievous, non-codependent, and can hold up their end of a conversation and relationship. SF residents preferred. No substance abusers. Reply BT Box JA87A or call ★★5213.

**Temporal/Visceral/Physical**

GWM 30, br/gr, 5'6", 185. Energetic, masculine (hairy) healthy (HIV-), intelligent, aware, successful, artistic professional. Interests: the outdoors, hiking, bicycling, beach, mountains, the arts, theater, music (esp. jazz, vocalists, classical), movies. Not into bar scene. Seeking masculine (25-40) for outdoor and indoor activities, health oriented, non-substance and lite alcohol. Non-smokers only! Balance between temporal, visceral and physical a plus! Call ★★5214.

**Sexy Southerner**

GWM, late 40s, Southern manners, 5'11", 215#, professional seeking GWM (top) to late 40s for fun, adventure, sharing, travel, laughter. Your HIV status doesn't matter. I'm negative. Want a long-term, loving relationship in which honesty and friendship play important roles. Available for dates on Friday and Saturday evenings. Prefer non-smoker, but a social drinker, occasional pot user. Literate, well read and good manners real plusses. Call ★★5215.

**Cal Student**

GWM 22, 165, 6', blue eyes, sandy hair, seeks honest, responsible GWM 20-25, preferably also a student. Eclectic interests: art, music, nature. Straight-acting. Looking for a friend for conversation, good times and possibly romance. If nothing else, happy to make new friends. Reply BT Box JA88A.

**Calvin ... Where's Hobbes?**

GWM, 23, 6'3", 180, brown hair and eyes, very attractive seeks a man to spend time with and build a quality, lasting relationship. I enjoy travel, conversation, cooking, dancing, sports, evenings out, picnics in the park, and time at home. You are 21-32 y.o., in shape, good-looking, sexy, romantic, drug/smoke free, energetic and passionate! Letter w/returnable photo to PO Box 250102, SF 94125 or call ★★5216.

**First Time Ad!**

Awfully cute, truly romantic 28-year-old professional Asian (5'7", 145 lbs., HIV-, masculine) would like to meet an honest, handsome man under 40 to have fun with or share love, life and all its ups and downs. Let's laugh together, talk all night, listen to music, go to concerts, dine out, go running, or make passionate love. Blonds, brunettes, tall or short, all-American, Latins, Asians, French men—all plusses. Call ★★5217.

**Athletic and Intellectual**

GWM, 37, 5'9", 140 lbs., dark hair, blue eyes, handsome, hard-working, intelligent, fit, very friendly and fun, into culture, politics, hiking, beach, seeks bright and affectionate partner, masculine, trim, cleanshaven and hairy. I'm HIV- and you should be too. Call ★★5218.

**A Positive Relationship**

Sex is important! And we're both open to the prospect of an emotionally intimate relationship, too. Handsome GWM, 31, 5'11", 165, brown/green, HIV+ and healthy seeks similar man for fun and romance. I'm moderately hairy, bottom/versatile, work out regularly and a nice guy. Take a chance — send your photo (important/returned if requested), and letter to TPC, 740A 14th St., #101, SF 94114 or call ★★5219.

**Sonoma County Latin Lover**

GWM, 33, 5'7", 165, br/br, Spanish/Italian lover enjoys fireside cuddling, passionate massage, good cooking, beach combing, painting and photographing male nudes, and sex. Looking for younger, smooth, clean cut, HIV-, North Bay professional or student for fiery times. Mix intelligence with passion for a combustible affair. Get away to the Russian River for a torrid weekend. Your returnable photo gets mine. PO Box 421, Monte Rio, 95462 or call ★★5220.

**MGA. Pilipino & Other Asians**

Really turn me on. It might have been something in this life while living in SE Asia or in another life, but I definitely feel connected with Asians and would like to meet someone special for sharing, friendship and maybe more. This GWM is a down to earth, guy next door type with all the regular interests. I'm 38, good looking, blond, blue, 6', 170 pounds. I'm easy going, honest, unpretentious, positive with a good sense of humor and would like to hear from you. Let's talk and see what we have in common. Letters/photos preferred (all answered — really!), but leave a voicemail message if you prefer. Reply BT Box JA89A or call ★★5221.

**Man for Man**

Maculine, rugged and built GWM seeks similar blue collar types for regular oral play. Muscular, lean, 36, 6'2", 180lbs., beefy uncut, short brown hair and short trimmed beard. Friendly but like to get down. Work in construction field. Want GWM or GLM, 30-40yo, hard trim/muscular body, self confident, aggressive, hung fat, moustache a must (no beards). B.S. test: photo will be requested. Call ★★5222.

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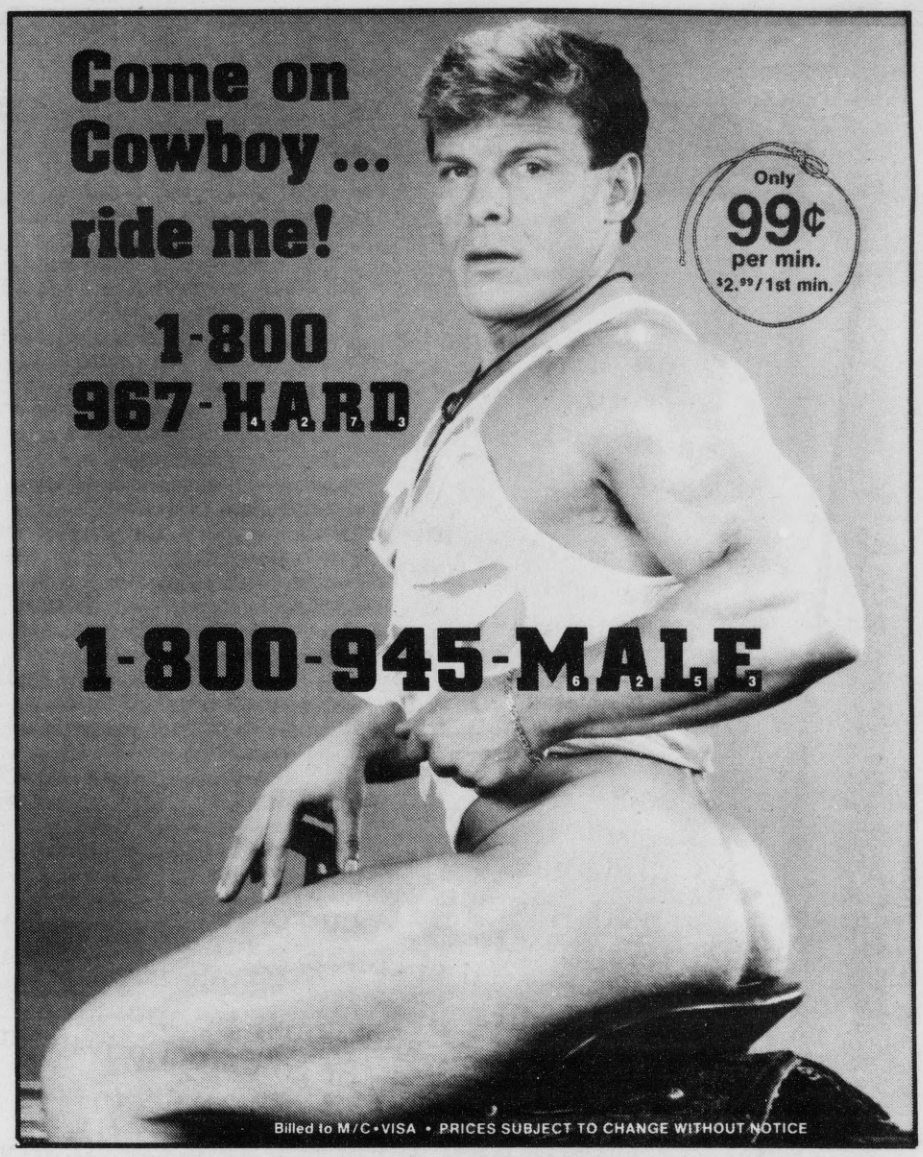
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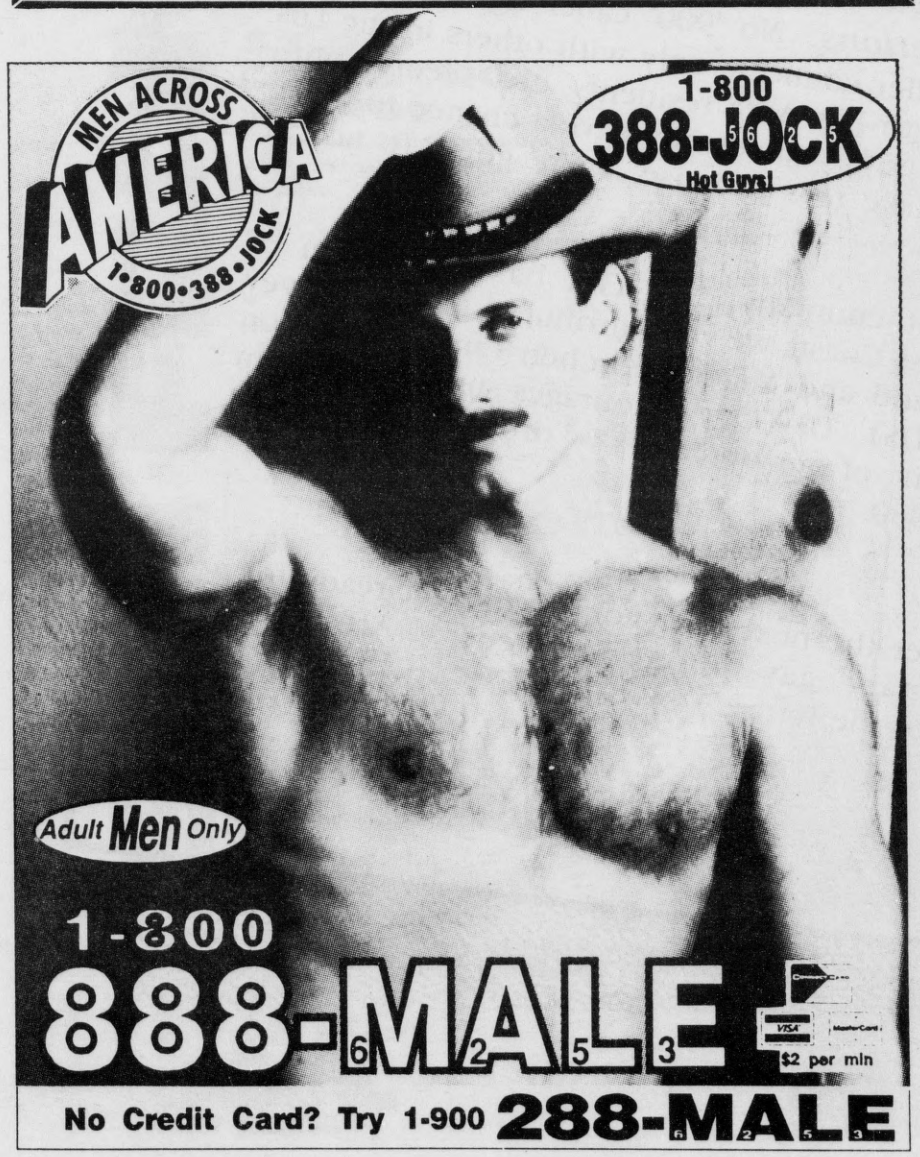
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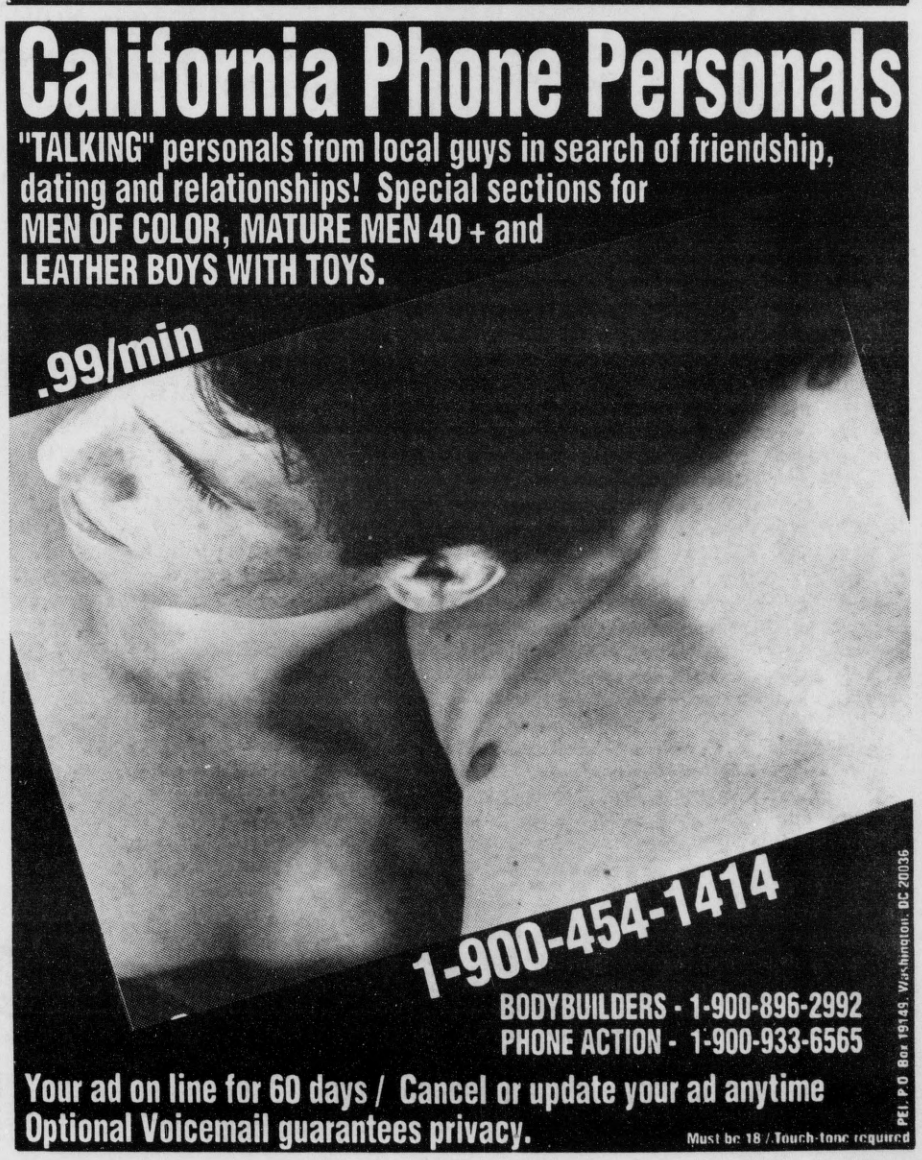
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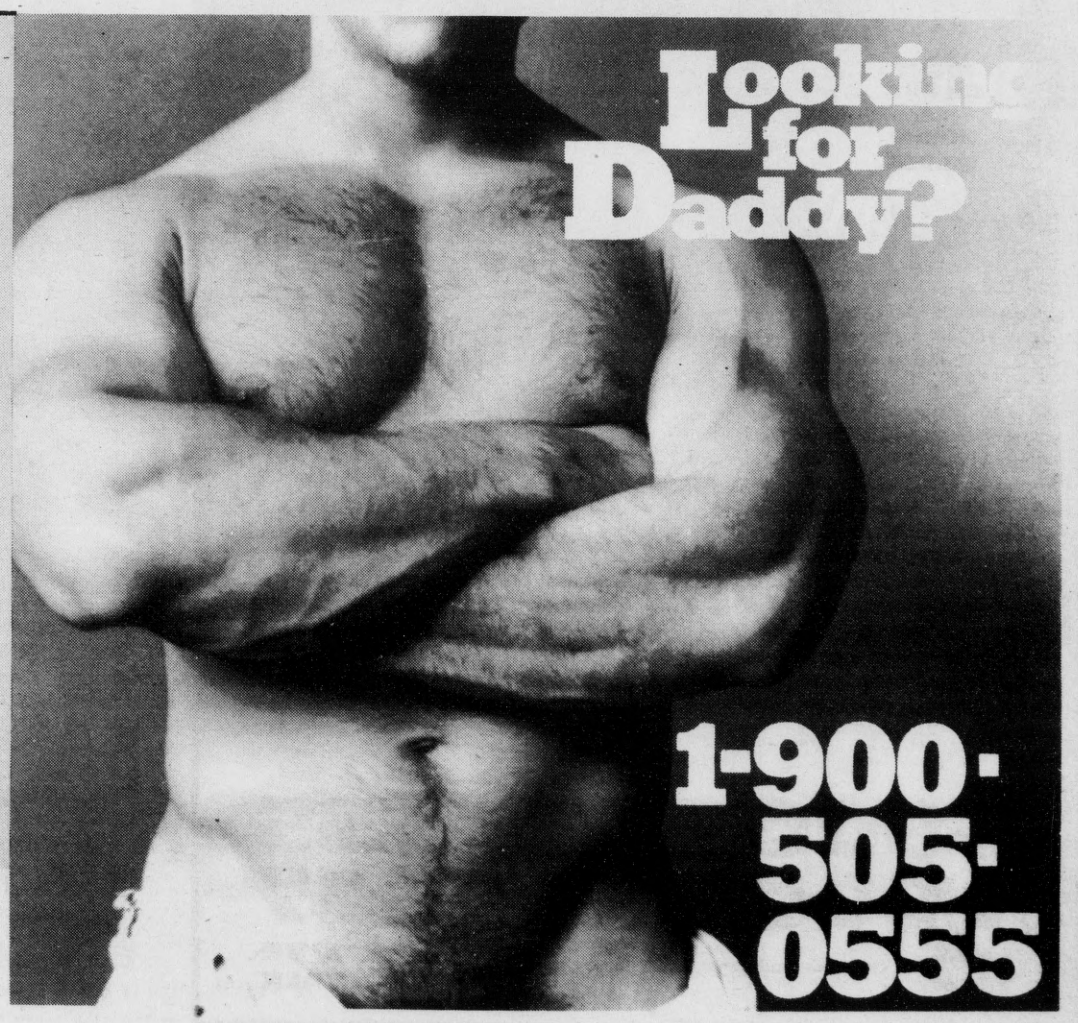


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**Closet Case**

Straight appearing, considered attractive GAM, 26, 5'10", 155#, prof. interested in meeting GWM (HIV-, 24-34, clean-cut and masculine) for friendship and more. Please be fun-loving, sincere, understanding and have many interests. You're also a non-smoker, non drugs and a good boy like myself. Call ★★5224.

**Cool Quality**

College educated, level headed, professional, very masculine and clean cut, handsome, sports minded guy seeks same qualities in a GW or GLM, 27-37. I'm a GBM, 6'3", 200, 31, green eyes, bright, sincere, genuine, good upbringing and a blast. Like me, you probably run with the straight crowd at times but are comfortable being a straight acting gay man. One night you like goin' to a hockey, football or basketball game, the next night a romantic evening with your guy. We're just regular guys that have a hard time meeting one another in SF. Looking for dating, fun and possible relationship. Please send photo (all returned) to BT Box or call. East Bay and San Jose welcome. Let's meet! Reply BT Box JA93A or call ★★5242.

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**Latino Men**

43y.o., 275lb., HIV+ GWM seeking good looking Latino top for aggressive sessions. I have football player build, red/grey hair and full beard. You have firm sensitive chest and a great build, 25-45, and know what you want. Drop a line, we could have loads and loads of fun. Reply BT Box JA94A or call ★★5244.

You wrap your solid arms around me from behind, your fingers burrowed firmly in my chest hair. Or, you fold up my short hot body like some kind of butch origami. With your throbber slid through my center, and your tongue halfway down my throat; your balls bang against mine like a metronome of ecstasy. When I squirm and grunt you'll know I'm having visions of a heav'nly host of cheering homos. Afterwards, we'll let our sweat mingle, and talk like friends. Reply BT Box JA95A or call ★★5245.

**Geeky Hunk**

45, tight buffed bod, looking for short, buffed macho guy like me for good times. You're into being a natural guy, comfortable with being a man, working out, sweat, staying healthy and fit. I'm into masculine appearance, hanging out together, honesty, trust, no social butterfly B.S. I'm also into burying my face in your jeans. East Bay only. Call ★★5246.

**Touch Me**

with your heart. Wanted: a sincere, honest, and nurturing friendship. Someone interested in building intimacy, has a sense of humor and self, as well as loves to hug and cuddle. This 36y.o. GWM professional and full time grad student interests include: C/W dancing, long walks, racquetball, movies, concerts, the theater, and just relaxing. No drugs. Call ★★5247.

**Shy Guy**

GWM seeks friend with bright smile and bright mind. You can be tall or short; butch or femme (but not too); be non-wrinkled and non-obese. Able to be direct and open, versatile. I'm early 40s, 5'6", 155, live Peninsula, work SF. Love C/W dancing, biking, culture. No drugs. Light alcohol, smoking OK. Call ★★5248.

**Asian in Search of....**

Gay Asian male who is 21 yrs. old, 5'7" and weighs 160lbs. is very much interested in meeting gay Asians or Caucasians for more than just friends type of relationship. I enjoy music, theater, romantic interludes, as well as quiet moments with someone special. Perfection isn't what I'm looking for, but if you have the same qualities as I do take a chance. It could be the best thing we've ever done. Reply BT Box JA96A or call ★★5249.

**I Need More**

(sex, that is) than my current relationship can give. This GWM, 29, 6'1", 185, brn/brn is looking for a GWM, who, like myself, is 22-32, easy-going, sincere, in-shape, good-looking, straight acting/appearing, versatile, HIV-, honest & discreet. If you have interests from cooking to camping, live in SF or East Bay, drop a line to Boxholder, PO Box 272486, Concord 94527 or call ★★5250.

**Love, Apple Pie and Family**

I know you're out there—somewhere. You are of course that handsome, masculine, loving, great at sex, and physically fit man with midwestern values, spiritual awareness, a great sense of humor, and a keen mind that would charm anyone's family. You are mature, stable, drug free, nonsmoker, HIV- and career oriented. You are not a fringe fanatic, warlock, voodoo queen, devil worshipper or charismatic. Being free of self delusion you do not confuse yourself with Napoleon, Teddy Roosevelt or the Messiah. If you are an average Joe you do not call yourself drop dead gorgeous. This youthful appearing, 40s, degreed professional GWM living in the City is 5'11", 165#, gym toned, HIV-, nonsmoker and drug free. I enjoy sports, travel and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. If you value friends and family and if you enjoy laughing, fireplaces, sex, cuddling and communicating your inner feelings then please send a letter with photo. Reply BT Box JA97A.

**White Top, Well Hung**

Hello! Thought that would catch your eye. I'm 30, 5'8", brn/green, moustache, somewhat hairy, and see above. I'd like to meet some eager, lusty bottoms who are longing for a man who loves being on top. Men of color preferred, especially Blacks and Asians. I am especially turned on to men who are smooth and dark. Give me a try! Call ★★5251.

**Asian Wanted**

by GWM, 29 years old, warm blue eyes, light brown hair, 5'7", 150lbs. I am quiet, considerate & well educated. I enjoy bodybuilding, swimming, movies, weekends away & time with friends. I am open to a monogamous relationship with the right person. Send letter with photo (returned) to Reply BT Box JA98A or call ★★5252.

**Haven't Found You**

Soon to be 21 year old GAM seeks a GWM under 30 for dating. I am 5'7", 165, black/brown, HIV- -UB2. I'm looking for someone friendly, caring, sincere, honest, and above all loving! If you enjoy clubs, music, cooking, walks on the beach, holding hands, quiet evenings at home, and just being there with that someone special, then give me a call today! I will respond! Reply BT Box JA99A or call ★★5253.

**Pump It Up**

Latin male, 33, 5'10", 190lbs., muscular and good-looking, enjoys pumping his fat dick and showing it off. This masculine stud who gets off on the unusual and extreme wants to meet advanced pump buddies for good times and mutual admiration. You are in good shape, hung, under 40, and a stud with a masculine cock centered attitude. Call ★★5254.

**Feet**

GWM, 36, 6', 180, clean-cut, seeks others into barefoot play—sucking, licking, tickling. If this is your scene too—or if you'd like to experiment—let's talk. 3-ways, non-reciprocal action OK. Give it a try. Call ★★5255.

**Dominant Asian Desired**

Someone who is younger w/smooth attractive face and body; wanted by tall, slim, easygoing older GWM w/brown eyes, hair and moustache who is orally inclined. You could have interests in good music, being out-of-doors and movies. Maybe we could just have pleasure together or maybe an enduring friendship could result from our shared interests. Call ★★5256.

**I'm Attracted to Darker Men**

such as Asians, Latinos, and dark featured white males. Hopefully you are looking to start a meaningful relationship with a fair skinned white male, 32yrs., 6'1", 180, HIV-, red/br. My interests include music, outdoors, swimming, cooking, movies, old TV, reading, and much more. I am a very romantic type, who would love walking hand in hand, sunset at the beach, kissing, hugging, and perhaps more involved, safe activities. You should be 25-35 around my size, clean shaven, not overly hairy, nonsmoking, no drugs, and interested in exploring some of the above items. Please respond with letter, returnable photo, phone. Reply BT Box JA100A or call ★★5257.

**Wanted: Special Friends, Plus!**

GWM, 5'8", 39, blond/blue, hairy, into "all" kinds of gear, loves country music, dances at the Corral, into Star Trek/sci-fi, plus. Anyone welcome for friends, especially those with same likes, other bears, cowboys, bikers, beefy, balds, bottoms, free spirits, bar flies, homebodies, etc. "Plus"! Looking for Daddy or Brother (big or little) servant for relationship. Prefer no limits. Buckeye, 537 Jones, #213, SF 94102 or call ★★5258.

You're in your 30s or 40s, in shape but no "exercise Nazi," a nonsmoker with a cheerful disposition—and you don't watch TV (except maybe The Simpsons)! That describes me, too, plus I'm 37, 6'2", 190#, blond, love my friends & home & career & I'm ready for a mate! Let's ski this winter and go camping in the spring. Extra points for: thick dark hair on your head, chest or upper lip; SF or Contra Costa residence; my build or thicker—but if this is even close, go for it! Please include a photo with your brief letter—I'll be looking for "you" in both of them. Reply BT Box JA101A.

**There Is a There There**

Attractive East Bay GWM, tall, thin (gym-toned), blue, red beard, hairy chest, cut, early forties, seeks uncut Bi/GWM with facial hair for cuddling, kissing and oral fun. Personality, not looks, size or HIV status, is important. Be substance free, light drinker, with passion for interests, people. I love classical music, bookstores, ancient art, walks, good veggie & seafood, cats, and uncut men. Call ★★5259.

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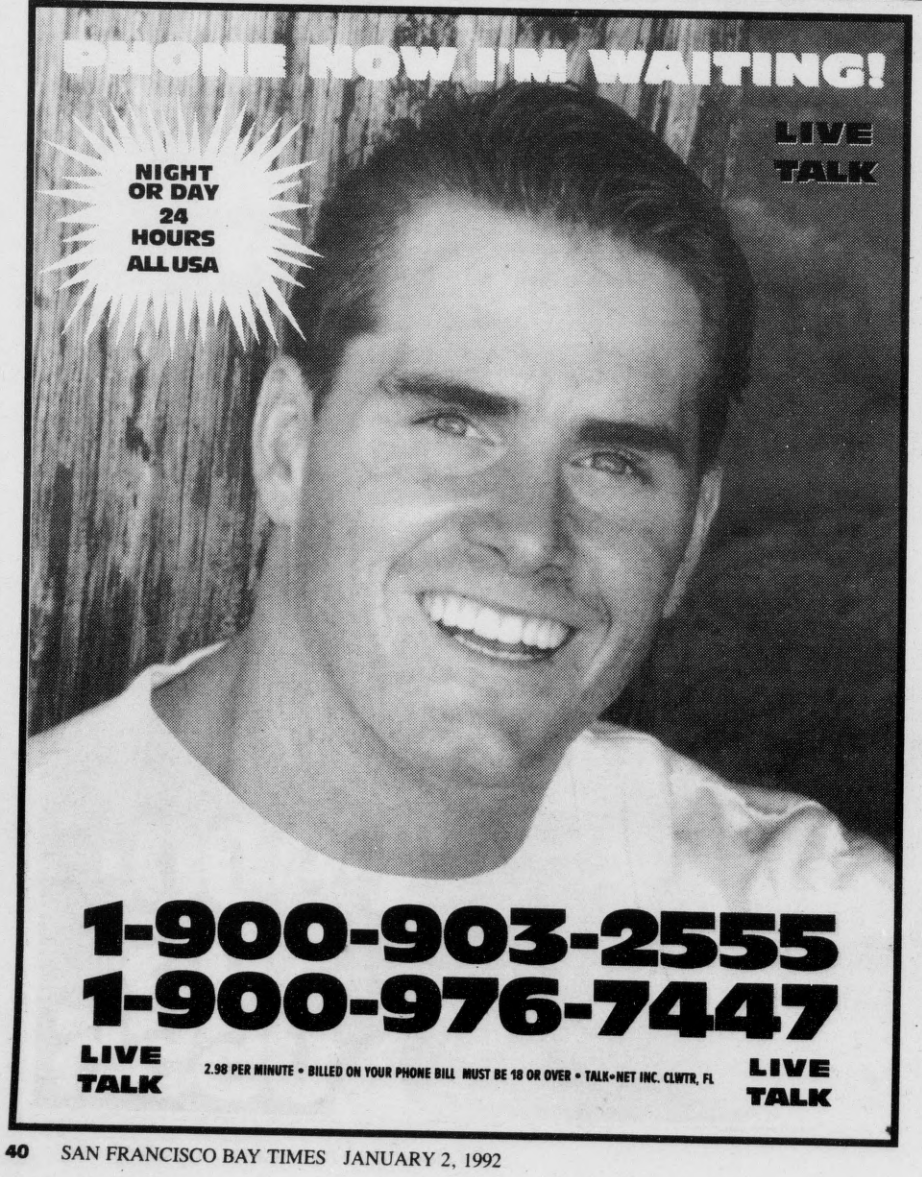
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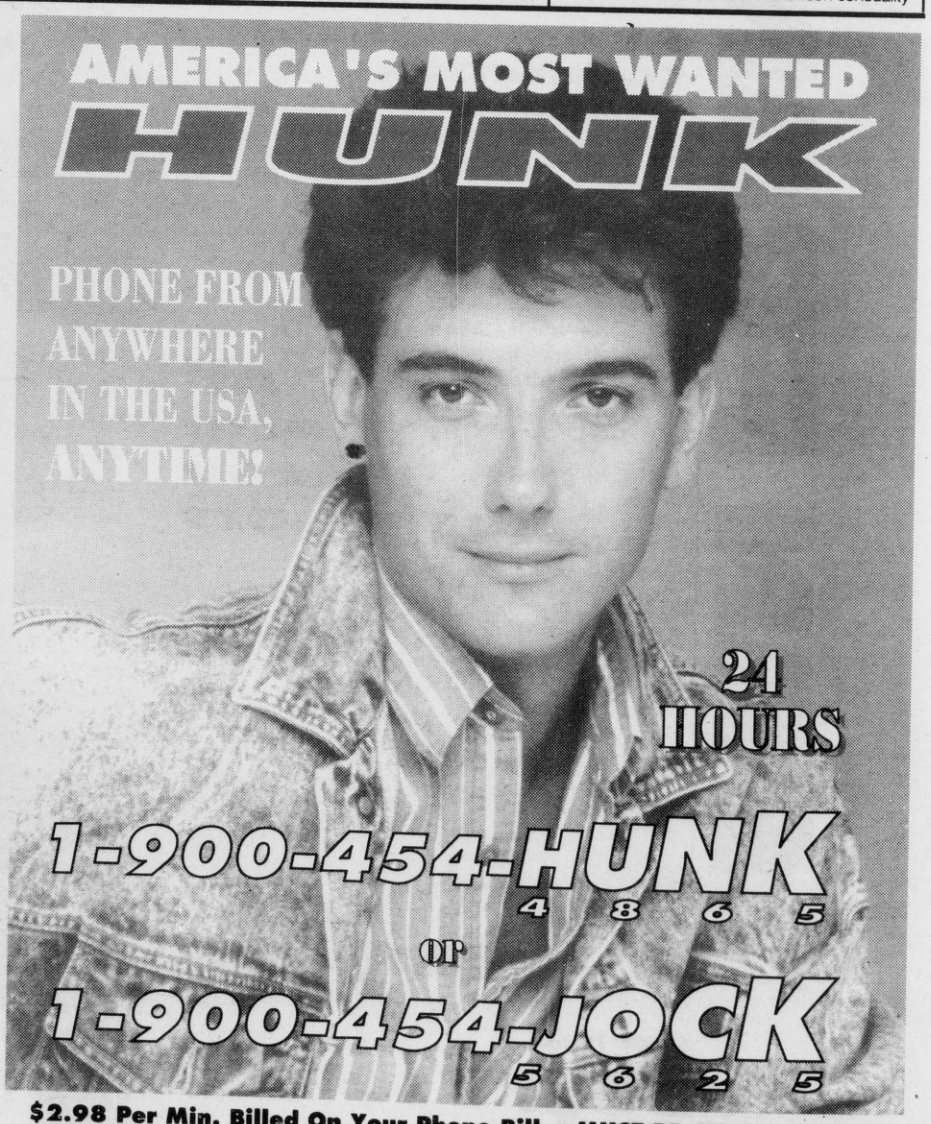


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**Playful Earthy Spirit**

QWM, 47, 5'10", 165#, dark brown hair, balding, hairy, uncut, low hangers, versatile, mostly oral, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, physically fit & active, Pagan-Buddhist-Quaker-Joseph Campbell type spirit. Open experimental romantic realist working class radical libertarian socialist ecology omnivore loves art, dance, theater, rock-ethnic-jazz classical music, dogs, massage, dreams, dealing with right livelihood & relationship issues seeks compatible fit masculine man for conversation, dining, long walks, dancing, adventure, caring, sensual, nurturing relationship. Reply BT Box JA102A or call ★★5260.

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sought by tall, blond, professional who enjoys home life, travel, and the outdoors. Also if you have carpenter/handyman skills and are interested in remodeling a San Francisco home it's a real bonus. All serious blue collar studs please respond to: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City, CA 94017-1062.

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**Tender as a Flower**

Articulate yet pensive WM, 47yrs., 6'2", 170lbs., bald, blue/brown, likes religion (I'm Anglican), books, poetry and the perpetual quest to comprehend it all. You're of similar character, in your thirties or younger, smart, cute, slender, strong, cuddly, lyrical and easy-going. We are each, in Gandhi's words, "Tender as a flower—tough as stone." Reply BT Box JA103A or call ★★5262.

**Goodlooking GWM—43yrs. Young!**

seeks same good-looking or handsome GWM—18 to 45yrs. young—for fun, friendship and maybe romance! In days & time that follows us Write with photo. You will get mine! Yours will be returned! Box #1001, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★5263.

**Meditative Bear in Marin**

Masculine GWM, 44, 180, 5'8", br/gray hair, gray beard, muscular, chunky build. Interests include: meditation, gardening, nature, Eastern esotericism, music, film, ethnic arts and safe sex. Wish to meet an intelligent, HIV-, warm hearted, husky but firm bodied, adventuresome man with a sense of wonder. A loving heart dwelling in a masculine chunky man gets mine. Send note with photo to: Occupant, 1001 Bridgeway, Suite 472, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★5264.

**Hung, Horny, Happy**

healthy and hungry for head (hot). I'm 5'9", brown/blue, moustached, 160lbs., 47, and very well hung. Interests are many: mind and body, word and flesh, culture and nature, fun and games. I'm partial but not limited to hairy chested and dark skinned men. I do go for men of passion and originality. Seek sexual friendship, open to more. Call ★★5265.

**Hot * Young * Handsome**

25y.o., 5'7", well-defined, 135lbs., masculine GAM dream boy w/excellent brains and sophisticated tastes seeks equally attractive GWM top somewhere between 25-35 for meaningful friendship. I am most attracted to guys between 5'10" and 6'4" but not exclusively... your personality, character and tastes are far more important. Let's talk! Call ★★5266.

**Are You Free?**

GM, 41, 6'1", 235, interested in meeting others for dating ...!? Me: self-employed, socially conscious, intellectual, witty, self-aware, self-deprecating, versatile, HIV-, sex positive, handsome, enjoy movies, camping, road trips, travelling, independence, multiculturalism, books, stairmaster, endorphins (natural) and dining. You: comfortable with self & place in the world, exciting, stable, non-needy, smart, horny, non-substance dependent, adventuresome. PO Box 170028, SF 94117 or call ★★5267.

**For Permanency Only**

I know what works for me. Why beat around the bush? I require loyalty, honesty and commitment. I am late 30s, brunette, moustache, 6', 175lbs., primarily dominant and very fit. You are 26-31, clean-shaven. We are both self-assured, monogamous, funny, conscious, intelligent and success motivated. We need sexual variety—from "vanilla" to roles, games, light B/D. Photo returned. PO Box 14077, SF 94114 or call ★★5268.

**Let's Keep Each Other Warm**

Attractive GAM, 30, 5'10", 164#, nice body, seeks brawny, attractive guy under 35 to share time with. Like to spend cozy times (i.e., watching TV/videos, reading in bed) with someone special. Kindly send descriptive letter and recent photo (will return). Reply BT Box JA104A or call ★★5269.

**Lean**

... but not mean! Intelligent, attractive GWM, 41, 5'11", 160lbs., bl/blu, HIV-, in great shape. Professional life often requires that I work on weekends leaving me with some weeknights free—but without someone to share them with. I'd like to meet a top guy who is perhaps in a similar situation for dating and quite possibly a longterm relationship. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box JA105A or call ★★5270.

**Don't Miss the Chance of a Life**

Goodlooking 32-year-old graphic artist. I'm passionate about music (alternative rock to folk), record collecting & college radio. I also love working out & dancing. Hot sex isn't too bad either. I'm looking for a guy I feel compatible & comfortable with. It might be you! Call ★★5271.

**Asian Stud**

QAM, very cute, muscular, tanned, 24, 5'8", 165lbs. Would like to have hot safe fun with horny, masculine man. Especially like B&D and spanking scenes. Have many fantasies, I'm sure you do too! Send provocative letter, photo or video and I'll send one back. ASUC 425, Bancroft/Telegraph, Berkeley 94720.

**Relationship Oriented**

GWM, 6'1", 190lbs., workout, 45yrs., brn/blue, stache, 7" thick, romantic, enjoy people, quiet times at home, very oral, ready to commit, looking for similar, hairy & moustache a plus. Reply BT Box JA118A or call ★★5272.

**Coping With 1992**

Wondering about a man like this, sort of: young enough to be enthusiastic; smart enough to like older men; clever or sufficient enough to entertain himself; decent enough to be caring; swept away with touch; intrigued by lips; fascinated with contours; confident enough to listen; perhaps Latin or Asian; a man who would risk inquiry to PO Box 640424 or call to consider possibilities of fate. Call ★★5273.

**Ever Been to Eureka?**

Very attractive Italian, very young 59, 5'8", 155, HIV-, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard, moustache, hairy chest, uncut, employed, seeks monogamous lifemate. I'm honest, considerate, dependable, clean, neat, all around nice guy. You're early retired or financially secure, relocatable and in good shape. Enjoy home life, reading, movies, plants, board games, quiet times, conversation. All answered and photos returned. Boxholder, PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043.

**Lonely Shaman**

Spiritually-minded intellectual BiBM 28 HIV-, longs for the companionship of other spiritually aware souls who want to get together with or without sex. I am a sensual, earthy, attractive Aquarius with a good body. I am not a blissed-out New Ager. Life is made for living not philosophizing. Oh, I do my share but the truth is we are human before we are saints. I seek the caring touch, illuminating conversation, profound understanding and willing acceptance of our time together — whatever it may be. Call ★★5274.

**Kinky Party Dudes**

GWM, mid-30s, well-built, looking for guys who like to party and get into domination/submission, bondage, sleaze, role-plays, fantasies, etc. Looking for imaginative scenes—something you might want to try but haven't. 3-ways, young guys, alternative lifestyles especially encouraged. Reply BT Box JA106A or call ★★5275.

**Commit Serious Indiscretions With Me**

I am Ivy-educated, well-read, playful, intense, 30, br/br, Eurasian, 5'6", of slender build, cute. I like jazz piano, REM, liberal politics, Northern Exposure, safe sex, Manhattan, pale ales, films, bicycling. You: 25-35, possess well-exercised sense of irony, nonsmoker, urban liberal, weight in proportion to height, cleanshaven, versatile, good kisser, "trail of paradise" a plus, outgoing, healthy. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JA107A or call ★★5276.

**Are You the One?**

Are you strong and masculine but also gentle and sensitive? Love music, dance and theater? Spiritual but not living in the clouds? Intelligent, articulate and sophisticated, but also comfortable being playful and spontaneous? Enjoy communing with nature as well as cuddling in front of the fireplace? Live a healthy lifestyle (no smoking or hard drugs and little or no drinking) and HIV-, but sexually passionate? Comfortable being alone with yourself, but like people? Honest and open, authentic, unpretentious, enthusiastic, energetic, loving, financially secure and generous of spirit? If this description fits you (please don't respond if it doesn't), then you're a lot like me. I'm 46, 6'1", 170, professional and successful, and live in Mill Valley. If you're in your 30s to youthful 40s, and you're looking for a quality person with whom to share your love, your passion for life, and emotional, spiritual and physical intimacy, please write or call. Reply BT Box JA108A or call ★★5277.

**Wishing for Younger Guy**

Friends tell me I make a great husband. I'm Chinese, 34, 5'9", 135lbs., trim, boyish, swimmer's body, HIV-, healthy and clean-shaven. If you're GWM looking for someone who is mature, handsome, stable, masculine, intelligent, please call and let's talk. I like someone who is younger than me, trim, healthy and clean-shaven. I like to


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start by dating and to have a possible relationship. Please don't waste my time if you are over 35. Call ★★5278.

**Unleash the Passion...**

There's plenty of it here for the right man. I'm a good-looking GWM, 37 years old, tall (6'5"), dark (brown hair, hazel eyes) and handsome; I live in the East Bay. I'm healthy, fit, sane and have an upbeat personality... wanting to meet someone with similar attributes as myself and who, like me, enjoys his life in the singular sense but also desires the bonding that only another man can provide. I'm most attracted to tall guys between the ages of 27-37... if this seems like you, I'd like to hear from you. Call ★★5279.

**I Like Ass**

I love to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. Me: attractive GWM, 40, 200lbs., 6'5". You: attractive GWM 18-35 with a slim build. Your ass will love the attention. Call now for hot details. Call ★★5280.

**Looking for Legit Love**

GWM, 6', 197, 49 year old, amiable, bearded and cuddly, looking for a man who would like a companion in exploring the thrilling and painful world of intimate male relationships. Love, bright, compassionate and humor-filled conversation; well-endowed, uncut, with furry chest and stomach, who loves intimacy and imaginative safe sex. Photo (xerox) welcome. Reply BT Box JA109A or call ★★5281.

**Yummy Guy Wants to Play**

with another healthy cutie into kissing, JO, sucking, safe, clean mutual play with our hunky butts. Also into falling in love and doing this with someone like me who's non-promiscuous and has strong sense of own personal propriety, but wants to let go and share hot times with the right guy. This sexy, sweet, gorgeous guy seeks same. Your photo gets mine. PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

**Fellow Adventurer**

wanted by this good-looking, 6', 180#, blond, blue-eyed, 40 year old. I'm looking for a buddy to travel, hike, ski, bike and cuddle with. I'm in shape, healthy and only slightly battered by life. Independent minded but looking for someone to share emotional & sexual intimacy with. No smokers or substance abusers. Your photo gets mine. I will answer & return. Reply BT Box JA110A or call ★★5282.

**Friendship First, Relationship Later (?)**

Hi. I am a handsome 38y.o. professional who looks 30. I am 6'3", blond/blue (hair black right now, though). I am interested in meeting men from 20-35y.o. I like to travel, ski, go camping and much more. I've run ads before and only got responses for sex. I'm not a prude but sex is intimate to me so I must be in love first. Call me, I'll call back. Call ★★5283.

**It's a Beautiful Day...**

in the neighborhood. Hi boys and girlies. Today we're going to meet a special friend. He's a homo. Can you say homo? Sure you can. It's a beautiful word. Our special friend is honest, healthy, communicative, smoke- drug- and attitude-free. Mr. Homo's interests include thrift-shopping, photography, travel, foreign tongues and caffeinating on a regular basis. He's a handsome 28, 5'11", 130#. Couldja, wouldja, might-ja be his special friend? (Photo requested/returned). Reply BT Box JA111A or call ★★5284.

**Catch Me**

I'm a great catch. I just need to be caught. Afraid & intrigued by the thought of involvement but I think it's time to try. I'm a 34, too busy, crazy, sensitive, romantic artist, interested in life, living, love, the works. WM Positive Positive looking for same or maybe someone different. Surprise me & catch me. Reply BT Box JA112A or call ★★5285.

**You Might Be French**

The man Santa did not leave in my stocking has a social agenda. If it was quirky it would be better. I like small theater and dance, music, the symphony, dinner. In a play looking for actors, you could be French. I like the table and animated company. I take to the role of good companion. I like doing it here, in France or Italy. Reply BT Box JA113A.

**Wanted Other Better Half**

Black Latino, 5", 165lbs., black hair, brown eyes, moustache, in good shape. Well-educated, traveled, artist. Into languages, culture and people. Weekend adventures. Quiet evening at home. Seeking for partner in life. Self-confident. Honest and sincere. I prefer Caucasian men (European) but I am open to any race. Call ★★5286.

**Smooth Latino Artist**

5'6", 135, mellow buns, 7" (cut) cute 33 liberal. Seeks Europeans/ Latinos/ Blacks or Arabs with thick uncut hung cocks. I like ethnic music, films, exotic travel, cars that work, wine with dinner, smoke/toke, laughter, compassion. Don't like S/M, jingoism, New Age World Order, pretentious know it alls. Fantasy—enormous dicks with lots of foreskin, relationships with rich & famous, 3-ways with lovers, swimming naked, love to suck, get fucked and vice versa. Hug & kiss. Write with photo, PO Box 31919, SF 94131-9991 or call ★★5287.

**31y.o. Slim Guy Seeks**

sex partners and friends. I'm an inactive "top," hung big! and want to correct this situation. Consumed by painful dead-end relationship, would like to regain sexual confidence and meet new friends. "Non-mainstream," please. SF only. Box 410244, SF 94141 or call ★★5288.

**Recovery as Spiritual Awakening**

I'm tall, thin, tight, wiry, handsome, sensual, strong, straight-appearing, yet very sensitive, gentle, childlike, and playful with deep set, bright blue eyes and warm frisky smile. My recovery has opened a new door to a growth filled journey of self-discovery, awareness, self-love, truth, inner peace and spiritual awakening. I seek a warm, loving, generous, open-minded, communicative, optimistic, huggable, playful, affectionate, strong yet gentle kindred comrade any age, height or race to share the joy, ecstasy and fun as well as the pain and frustrations. My interests include: nature, hiking, camping, animals, plants, ecology, holistic healing, exercise, meditation, yoga, Buddhism, exchanging nurturing massages, reading, laughter, PBS and movies. PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★5289.

**Good Sex/Great Partner**

To hell with the idea that only people who are happy alone can be happy together: bottom needs top for genuine partnership. I'm 40, attractive, slender, fit, HIV-, very responsive sexually. Neither partyboy nor loner, I'm independently employed, emotionally stable but not afraid to admit I'm lonely. You're sexual, sensual, affectionate, sharp, probably not corporate, certainly not staid, enjoy being around people, prefer city over country. Reply BT Box JA114A or call ★★5290.

**Panoramic Mind Sneeze**

Interesting, intelligent, eccentric QWM, 26, 5'10", 140#, brown/green, interested in modern rock, industrial, classical, reggae, art, modern, classic, cartoons, motorcycles, cars, audio/video, coffee, cafes, naked tree wrestling, cuddling, reading, sex, history... Looking for similar/punkish/artist w/feet on the ground bla, bla for friend to long term. Piercings or tattoos a plus. Reply BT Box JA115A or call ★★5291.

**Ted Danson**

Well I am not really Ted Danson but I have been told too many times I look like him. I am not a womanizer nor do I meet enough men. That's why I'm placing this ad. I'm 6ft., weigh 180 pounds, have dark blond hair, blue eyes, smooth, cleanshaven, 29yrs. Looking to meet guys around my age to share good times with. Please reply to PO Box 423091, SF 94102. Call ★★5292.

**Ready for a New Beginning?**

Would you like to meet a physically fit 43-year-old professional? I am 5'7", 135lbs., brn/grn, mostly bottom, average to attractive looks. I enjoy movies, music, outdoors, computers and exploring the Bay Area. I am healthy, HIV+, down-to-earth, independent and honest with a sense of humor about life. I am looking for an honest, self-confident guy, 30s or 40s, in shape, who is truly comfortable with himself. Please send letter and photo (I'll return). Reply BT Box JA116A.

**Free Spirited**

Fun Loving attractive Span/Ital., 37, 150lbs., brn, brn, moustache, youthful looking, enjoys the mountains, ocean, TV, cooking, dancing, cuddling & kissing. I'm loyal, sincere, sensitive, strong & independent. It's been 2 years since my last relationship and I'm ready to settle down with right person. If you are 25-35 and attracted to this ad then send photo & letter. Reply BT Box JA117A or call ★★5293.

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### How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

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**FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS** when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

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**IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!!** You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

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## Bi BISEXUAL

**Sun And Moon**
Transsexual woman seeks Sun to her Moon. I'm the Piscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, dinners, the ocean. I realize answering this can expose you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you hear what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's not a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know if we hit it off it won't matter what people say, and I'll stand by you. (If you like what you've just read but only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out more call ★★4535.

**Santa Cruz Drag Queen**
Closet-free straight crossdresser wants to meet ladies (bi-OK) who appreciate the chance to double their wardrobe. Have sense of humor & am warm and caring. Love dinners out, moderate drinker & NS. Get in touch and we'll play Barbie. Can entertain or travel. Relationship possible. PO Box 2703, Santa Cruz 95063 or call ★★4777.

**Needle In A Haystack Or What Are You, Crazy?**
BWM desperately wants a child. Pe... having a child a... female lover. Why... the year 2000. W... worlds, a child a... 165, brwn/grn, pr... clever, successful... yadee—You shou... could work. Drop... ly BT Box DC300

## S SHARED INTEREST

**Two-Step Partner**
I'm a lesbian, wanting an intermediate level lesbian dance partner or buddy to go out dancing at the Rawhide & Corral with. Prefer a leader who sometimes likes to follow but am flexible. I am 40, very friendly, and have quite a varigated background. Call soon. Call ★★4806.

**Classical Musicians—Sightreaders**
Patient, kind, sensitive professional accompanist/voice coach seeks other capable instrumentalists/singers for informal, artistic (but light-hearted) music-making. If you are a careful, thoughtful musician (who may have "blocks") who needs a like-minded friend to share with, you owe it to yourself to explore this opportunity. Let's chat! (I have a fine piano and transportation.) Call ★★4807.

**Lovers Of The Grape!**
Ladakh, Zanskar (Tibetan kingdoms now in India) in July-Aug. Cross passes to 16000 feet. Visit monasteries. Possibly also tour in Malaysia, hike in Nepal. Open to other places, times. Go to most expensive hotels, only $5/day at most to win of 3rd world! Write "World Bicyclist," 131 Berkeley Square #291, Berkeley 94704.

**Fiber Fanatics**
I didn't respond to your October ad quick enough. Your group sounded fun to me. Would like to meet with others who like to knit, spin, weave, etc. Reply BT Box DC600A or call ★★4809.

**I Love My New Home!**
...transplanted Easterner seeks compa... walks (East Bay), camping... arts (esp. folk/ethnic... Bay Area. I'm... spirited heart. The... come to...

## M MEN

**Combo Platter**
Ostensibly you are reading these ads for sex. Secretly, though, you are seeking intimacy, perhaps even—if you admit it—love. But as a man you cannot freely admit that. You may even deny it. Yet here you are, still reading. Very young men have little to... many older men are too set in their... the delicious combo platter... places. I am looking for someone... these interests and wants to explore... Photo with letter please to: PO Box... 93920.

**No, My Dick Is Not Shaped Like A Hamburger**
...or a flying saucer, or an atomic b... what you're into. Don't come to me... in control of my head and know... what I'm seeking. I'm 40, 5'10", sli... hair and graying beard. Hey, I'm... I'm good-looking. And damned... people do not get me hard and... who has a real personality is not int... and is not afraid of committing to... has varied interests and enjoys a w... more than a walk through the fa... take second place to your pe... though you need not be a shopp... be able to talk about more t... and sex. If you think you can o... person and you crave more than... quick lay, write to Charlesin Chair... St. #151, SF 94114-2588 or call... ...de a photo (returnable) and to... ...real catch.

## W WOMEN

**I Believe You're Out There Somewhere**
At least I want to believe it, still, though I've been looking for a very long time. I hope you show up before I give up hoping for love in this lifetime. I'm a firesign, 12/2/41, professional, mainstream, middle class; I like contemporary novels and movies, to laugh, dance, walk on Ocean Beach and in G.G. Park; I draw a little, write a little, rare etoh, smoke/toke; I'm kinda shy, quirky about food (not vegetarian), sincere, perceptive, have a complicated schedule. In my dreams you're my age range ±5 y., live in SF—so we can enjoy it together, have a nice face, average body, you're companionable, ready to share experiences, fun, laughter, love, sex (we might like each other better if we slept together) if so. Call ★★4726.

**Sun And Moon**
Transsexual woman seeks sun to her moon. I'm the Piscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, dinners, the ocean. I realize answering this can expose you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you hear what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's not a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know if we hit it off it won't matter what people say, and I'll stand by you (If you like what you've just read but only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out more. Call ★★4727

**True/False Quiz**
Do you like: 1) intelligent women with a fun sense of humor, 2) similarities yet differences, 3) stimulating conversations about everything, 4) Midwest politeness, 5) good friends, 6) a 30s woman with 20s energy, 7) sports, especially ...softball, golf, tennis, football or pool, ...eral yet fiscally conservative ...sing a dream, 10) ...social activities, also private time alone, 12) being a unique, independent woman in a close relationship, 13) exploring, travelling, questioning, tinkering, envisioning, 14) San Francisco, 15) nonsmokers, 16) the outdoors, 17) art, music, photography, 18) bargains, 19) motorcycles, 20) singing/songwriting. How Did You Score? 15-20 Why haven't we met before now?, 10-14: Interesting possibilities, 6-10: Possible friendship 0-5: Next ad. Reply BT Box DC1A or ca... ★★4728

**Take A Walk On The Tame Side**
Quiet vanilla lesbian, transplanted Mid... farmer's daughter, late 30s, soft of center, s... professional seeks other quiet, spirited wo... 30s-40s to share simple pleasures, travel, ... dinners, movies, music, outdoors. First ... then maybe more. Nonsmokers only. R... Box DC2A or call ★★4729

Curious? Interested in a small adventur... with a passion for life visiting SFO ... 12/20-1/1 for bicycling, photography, ... want to dine alone.) Likes Brazilian ... Depeche Mode music, dancing ... pagne. Non-smokers—no drugs. If... 35, energetic, enjoy cycling and ... mischievous, write/photo op or cal... romance out the old year. A. F... Venice, 90294 2342 or call ★★...

**Great-Looking Older ...**
GJWF. I am very attractive, ... although mature woman Scend... tion, light eyes. Determined to ... loving and adventuresome f... income after a tedious 15 ye... should love music, thea... movies, cafes, travel, pets ... Looking to meet someone ... and companionship. Let ... nice dinner together and ... 425 Corte Madera 949...

**Attractive Asia...**
Both financially and em... settle down. I conside... ing and romantic. I e... traveling, dining out a... pretty, 30+, single ... feminine woman for ... Don't miss this rare ... Call ★★4731

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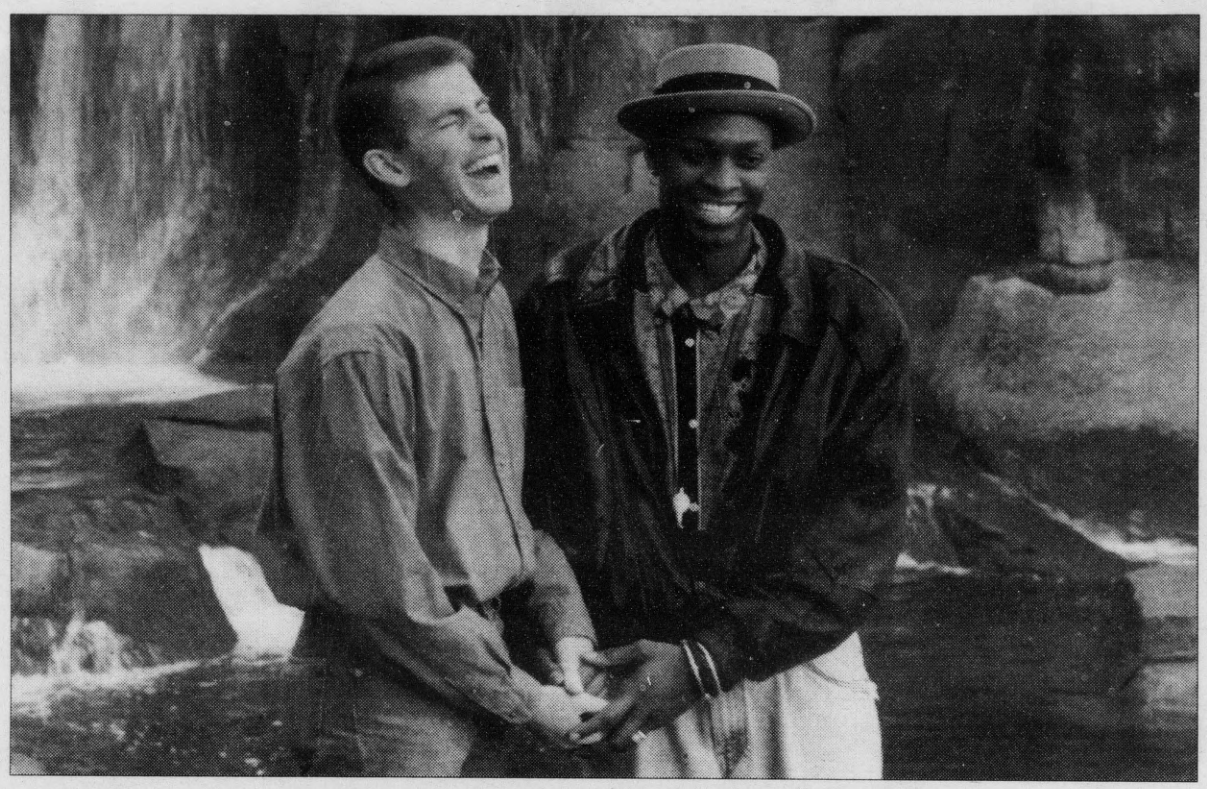

## People with AIDS are waiting for volunteers.

*"It's important to reach out... I did and Shanti reached back."*
—SCOTT MILLER

*"The best part about volunteering is the special friendships."*
—KERRINGTON OSBORNE

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